



Cambridge City Council Notice of Council

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ on Thursday, 23 May 2024 at 11.00 am and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 15 May 2024

Yours faithfully

Robert Pollock

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 To consider the following recommendation of the Civic Affairs Meeting held on 13 May 2024: Honorary Freedom of the City (Pages 3 - 8)
- 2 To consider the following Honorary Councillor appointment (Pages 9 - 10)
To approve the appointment of former Councillor Tim Ward as Honorary Councillor.

(The Scheme requires two thirds of the Members present and voting to approve election)

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CIVIC AFFAIRS

Present: Councillors McPherson (Chair), Davey (Vice-Chair), Bennett, Robertson, Sheil and Young

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

Honorary Freedom of the City

The Committee received a report from the Democratic Services Manager. The report set out recommendations to award the Honorary Freedom of the City to HMS Protector.

Resolved (Unanimous) to recommend to Council:

- a. To confer the Honorary Freedom of the City of Cambridge upon HMS Protector. (Nb. Granting the Freedom of the City will require at least two thirds of the Councillors present to agree to the recommendation).

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Item

HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY



To:

Civic Affairs Committee 13/05/2024

Report by:

Dan Kalley, Democratic Services Manager

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Wards affected:

None

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The report details the recommending of granting Honorary Freedom of the City status. This is being presented to committee to endorse this proposal to the Annual Council Meeting on 23 May 2024.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is requested to recommend that Council confer the Honorary Freedom of the City of Cambridge upon HMS Protector. (Nb. Granting the Freedom of the City will require at least two thirds of the Councillors present to agree to the recommendation).

3. Background

- 3.1 At a meeting of Cambridge City full council on 21st July 2011 it was agreed that an affiliation should be created between the City of Cambridge and HMS Protector. It records our desire to establish a 'Strong and enduring relationship between Cambridge and HMS Protector'.
- 3.2 Supporting the work of the Scot-Polar Institute based in Lensfield Road, and British Antarctic Survey based in Maddingley Road

Cambridge, HMS Protector is on a continuing mission to support international research into wildlife, the changing climate and shifting waters of Antarctica and upholding the UK's long-standing commitment to the region. HMS Protector has the capacity to break through thick ice and provide vital support to those caught up in earth's most challenging conditions. She carries on board 4 working craft, 2 cranes and a helicopter deck. With a full compliment of 88 although accommodation for 100 if required.

- 3.3 The BAS is based here in Cambridge, as is the Scot-Polar Institute. The Council has already declared 'A strong and enduring relationship' with HMS Protector and have declared a climate emergency.
- 3.4 HMS Protector is the Royal Navy's only Ice Patrol Ship. Built in Norway in mid-2000 and served under her flag before being in service in the UK from 2011 she was purchased by the British Ministry of Defence in early September 2013.
- 3.5 By virtue of the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act 1885, and by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009), the highest honour that a Council can bestow is the Honorary Freedom of a town or city. It is granted on "persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City, Borough or Royal Borough". An Honorary Freedom carries with it no special privileges – it is purely an honorary title.
- 3.6 The last time Cambridge City Council awarded an Honorary Freedom was in 2011 – to the City of Szeged.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

Any events will need to be designed to be delivered within the available budgets. Officers from the Council will work through any proposals with HMS Protector.

(b) Staffing Implications None

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications None

(d) Environmental Implications None

(e) Procurement Implications not applicable

(f) Community Safety Implications not applicable

5. Consultation and communication considerations

5.1 Consultation has taken place with officers of HMS Protector.

6. Contact

If you have a query on the report please contact Dan Kalley, Democratic Services Manager, tel: 01223 - 457011, email:

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Nomination for Honorary Councillors

The requirements to be satisfied are set out below:

- 1) No person shall be eligible normally for election as an Honorary Councillor unless s/he has served as a Councillor at least 10 years (or a person who has been Mayor, for 8 years) whether continuously or not.
- 2) Application for election as an Honorary Councillor shall be made either by the applicant him/herself or by some member of the Council on his/her behalf. Such application shall be submitted to the Chief Executive for consideration by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Council. It shall be in the discretion of the Civic Affairs Committee to make or withhold a recommendation to the Council. The names of those applicants who are not recommended by the Civic Affairs Committee shall not be recorded in the report of that Committee to the Council.
- 3) Election to the position of Honorary Councillor shall be by a resolution of the Council passed on the recommendation of the Civic Affairs Committee by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon at a meeting of the Council, the summons to which contains special notice that included in the business to be transacted is the election of an Honorary Councillor.
- 4) An Honorary Councillor shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges –
 - a) In civic processions, Honorary Councillors shall take precedence immediately after serving Councillors and shall have precedence amongst themselves according to the number of years service on the Council.
 - b) On request to receive a copy of the Council summons, together with Council and Committee minutes.
 - c) At each meeting of the Council to have a seat in a block reserved for the use of Honorary Councillors.
 - d) The use, in common with members of the Council, of the Members' Rooms in the Guildhall.
 - e) To be invited, where circumstances permit, to those civic functions to which all members of the Council are invited.
 - f) On death, to have a flag flown above the Guildhall at half-mast.

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