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Friday, 10 May 2013

**TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF GLOUCESTER** to be held at the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP on **Monday, 20th May 2013** at **15:00** hours for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive from Members, declarations of the existence of any disclosable pecuniary, or non-pecuniary, interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Agenda Notes.

**ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL**

3. **ADMISSION OF HONORARY FREEMEN (Pages 1 - 4)**

Report of the Leader of the Council.

Yours sincerely

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**Julian Wain**  
**Chief Executive**

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

The duties to register, disclose and not to participate in respect of any matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as follows –

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Prescribed description</u>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the previous 12 months (up to and including the date of notification of the interest) in respect of any expenses incurred by you carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area.  For this purpose "land" includes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you, your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Council's area for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) – (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you, your spouse or civil partner or a person you are living with as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where – (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and

- (b) either –
- i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
  - ii. If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

For this purpose, “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

NOTE: the requirements in respect of the registration and disclosure of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and withdrawing from participating in respect of any matter where you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest apply to your interests and those of your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner where you are aware of their interest.

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# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Special Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 May 2013</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Admission of Honorary Freeman</b>			
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Leader of the Council</b>			
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>			
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>No</b>	
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<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>			

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report asks the Council to confer the honour and title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester on Dr Greg Smith and Mr Ian Mean in recognition of their significant contributions to the work of the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Board (GHURC Board) and to the City.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that:

- (1) Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Gregory Edwin Smith be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester in recognition of his significant contribution to the work of the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Board and to the City.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Ian Richard Mean be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester in recognition of his significant contribution to the work of the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Board and to the City.

### 3.0 Background and Key Issues

#### Greg Smith

- 3.1 Dr. Greg Smith was born in Birmingham and educated at St Philip's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield College of Further Education and later at Kingston University, Garnett College and Cranfield University.
- 3.2 He has been Principal of Gloucestershire College for the last sixteen years and in 2009 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Gloucestershire for his services to further education and regeneration.

- 3.3 He has also served the City and the County as a Council member of the University; Board member of the Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Board; Trustee and Governor of the Gloucester Academy and member of the Cinderford Regeneration Board.
- 3.4 He was made a Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire in 2010.

**Ian Mean**

- 3.5 Born in London, Ian began in journalism in South London aged 17, and worked as a reporter and on news desks on national papers.
- 3.6 He was Northern News Editor of the Daily Mail, and Editorial Marketing Manager of the Daily Mirror.
- 3.7 He became Editor of the Gloucester Citizen in 2003 before becoming Content Director for the Local World Media Group for Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Dorset.
- 3.8 He has served the City and County as Director of Marketing Gloucester, Chairman of the Gloucestershire NHS Organ Donation Committee and Director of the Gloucestershire Community Foundation and an Honorary Vice President of Gloucestershire College.

**The Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company**

- 3.9 Both Greg and Ian's overriding service to the City however, is a result of their roles in the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company (GHURC).
- 3.10 As Chair and Vice-Chair respectively throughout the life of the company, they have played a key part in its achievements.
- 3.11 The URC became operational in 2005 and they helped establish and launch the company, with significant parts in the Palace of Westminster launch of the Investment prospectus.
- 3.12 Under their guidance, over £600million has been invested in the City including £486million of private investment; 1,000 new jobs created together with 974 new homes, 79,00sqm of commercial/retail floor space and 38ha of land reclaimed. Major improvements have been seen in the Quays, Gloucester Docks and Greyfriars.
- 3.13 Greg also chaired the GHURC's nominations committee and played a key role in restructuring the company after the abolition of the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA). His pioneering decision to relocate the college into the new dockside campus was pivotal in increasing investor confidence and helping kick start the regeneration programme.
- 3.14 Ian also chaired the URC's Marketing and Communications panel and has been heavily involved in the Urban Youth Forum.

- 3.15 Both Ian and Greg have acted as major ambassadors and advocates for the URC and the City of Gloucester. The City is grateful for their efforts and acknowledges them by the recommendation of this report.

#### **4.0 Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

#### **5.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 To acknowledge the work and contributions of Dr Greg Smith and Mr Ian Mean.

#### **6.0 Future Work and Conclusions**

- 6.1 The Council is asked to admit Dr Greg Smith and Mr Ian Mean as Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

#### **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to admit to be Honorary Freemen of the City persons of distinction or persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered imminent services to the City. The award of the title of Honorary Freeman has to be made by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.

(Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

#### **9.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications**

- 9.1 There are no risks arising from this report

#### **10.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):**

- 10.1 A People Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **11.0 Other Corporate Implications**

##### Community Safety

- 11.1 There are no community safety implications.

##### Sustainability

- 11.2 There are no sustainability implications.

Staffing & Trade Union

11.3 There are no staffing implications.

**Background Documents:** None