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Wednesday, 19 March 2014

**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 **Thursday, 27th March 2014** at **18:30** 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 FREEMAN (Pages 5 - 8)**

To receive the report of the Leader of the Council which recommends that the Right Reverend Michael Francis Perham, Bishop of Gloucester, be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester.

Yours sincerely

**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> 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Admission of Bishop Michael Perham as 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: 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 the Right Reverend Michael Perham, Bishop of Gloucester in recognition of his significant contribution in the spiritual and temporal life of the City and his inspiration in promoting care and kindness between its citizens and communities within the City and wider Diocese.

#### 2.0 Recommendations

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

Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Right Reverend Michael Francis Perham, Bishop of Gloucester be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester in recognition of his significant contribution in the spiritual and temporal life of the City and his inspiration in promoting care and kindness between its citizens and communities within the City and wider Diocese.

#### 3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Right Reverend Michael Perham celebrates ten years as Bishop of Gloucester in May 2014 and will retire in November of this year.
- 3.2 Bishop Michael's ministry spans 38 years serving as a curate in Croydon, Bishop's Chaplain in Winchester, team rector in Poole, Canon Precentor in Norwich, and was Dean of Derby Cathedral before his installation as Bishop of Gloucester in 2004. He exercised a significant national role in the church before becoming a bishop, as Secretary of the Doctrine Commission, as a member of the Liturgical Commission and as one of the architects of *Common Worship*, much of which he piloted through the General Synod, as one of the first members of the Archbishops' Council and as Chair of the Business Committee of the General Synod.

- 3.3 As Bishop of Gloucester, he has been prominent in a number of issues both nationally and locally and within the Diocese of Gloucester he is president and patron of a range of local organisations.
- 3.4 Locally Bishop Michael has exercised leadership as a founding supporter of the former Flood Relief Fund Committee set up to assist those affected by the widespread flooding in 2007 and was also supportive in reconciling communities following the City disturbances in 2011.
- 3.5 Bishop Michael has also been a member of the selection Panel for the Citizen of Gloucester Award.
- 3.6 To mark Bishop Michael's retirement, in recognition of his long and distinguished career in ministry and his work within the communities of Gloucester and the wider Diocese, Council are recommended to admit Bishop Michael as an Honorary Freeman.

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

- 4.1 Not applicable.

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

- 5.1 To acknowledge the work and contribution of the Right Reverend Michael Perham to the life of the City of Gloucester.

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

- 6.1 The Council is asked to admit the Right Reverend Michael Perham as an 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 eminent services to the City. The decision to award 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

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