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Wednesday, 20 January 2016

TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **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, 28th January 2016 at 7.00 pm** 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 Mr Alan Myatt, Town Crier, be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester.

Yours sincerely

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

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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Meeting:	Special Council	Date:	28 January 2016
Subject:	Admission of Mr Alan Myatt, Town Crier, as Honorary Freeman		
Report Of:	Leader of the Council		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	No
Contact Officer:	Tanya Davies, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager		
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Appendices:	None		

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 Mr Alan Myatt, in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to the City in his role as Town Crier.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act, Mr Alan Myatt be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to the City in his role as Town Crier.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Mr Alan Myatt has been Town Crier since 1987 when he won a City Council competition to find someone to fill the role.
- 3.2 Since that time Mr Myatt has enthusiastically promoted the City and supported many civic events. Mr Myatt is a member of the Court Leet of Barton St Mary and for many years has played a leading role in organising the parade and Mayor making ceremony for the mock Mayor of Barton, initially as part of the Barton Fayre, but more recently as part of the Gloucester Day celebrations, which Mr Myatt re-introduced and takes the lead role in organising. Mr Myatt also gets heavily involved in City events like the Carnival and Christmas Parade.
- 3.3 Mr Myatt is well known for his works for local charities including leading the ceremony for the Sheriff's Assize of Ale which has raised many thousands of pounds for the civic charities.
- 3.4 For many years, Mr Myatt was a leading light in the Gloucester Operatic and Dramatic Society (GODS), appearing in pantomimes and other productions.

3.5 Mr Myatt is renowned for his showmanship skills and is a World Record Holder verified by the Guinness Book of Records for having the loudest cry at 112.8 decibels and for holding the record for vocal endurance, issuing a one hundred word proclamation every 15 minutes for a period of 48 hours.

3.6 In 2013 Mr Myatt celebrated 25 years as a Town Crier, Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies.

3.7 Mr Myatt is passionate about Gloucester and is a great Ambassador for the City.

3.8 Outside of the City, Mr Myatt is official Town Crier for the Stables Market and Covent Garden area in London.

4.0 Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Considerations

4.1 ABCD considerations were not taken into account in this report.

5.0 Alternative Options Considered

5.1 Not Applicable.

6.0 Reasons for Recommendations

6.1 To acknowledge the contribution made to the City of Gloucester by Mr Alan Myatt.

7.0 Future Work and Conclusions

7.1 The Council is asked to admit Mr Alan Myatt as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications.
(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

9.0 Legal Implications

9.1 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 this purpose.
(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

10.0 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications

10.1 There are no risk and opportunity management implications arising from this report.

11.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):

11.1 A People Impact Assessment is not required.

12.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

12.1 There are no community safety implications arising out of this report.

Sustainability

12.2 There are no sustainability implications arising out of this report.

Staffing and Trade Union

12.3 There are no staffing or trade union implications arising out of this report.

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