

# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Special Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 January 2016</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Admission of Mr Alan Myatt, Town Crier, 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:</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 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.