



Wednesday, 16 March 2022

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, 24th March 2022** at **6.30 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

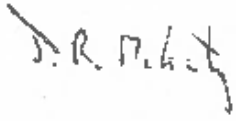
3. **ADMISSION OF HONORARY FREEMAN (Pages 5 - 8)**

To consider the report of Councillor Steve Morgan which recommends that Mr Robin Morris, be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester.

4. **FREEDOM OF ENTRY (Pages 9 - 12)**

To consider the report of Councillor Andrew Lewis which recommends that the Gloucester Branch of the Royal British Legion be granted Freedom of Entry to the City of Gloucester.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. McGinty". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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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

Meeting:	Special Council	Date:	24 March 2022
Subject:	Admission of Honorary Freeman		
Report Of:	Councillor Steve Morgan		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	No
Contact Officer:	Tanya Davies, Policy and Governance Manager		
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Appendices:	None		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report asks Council to confer the honour and title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester upon Mr Robin Morris in recognition of his significant contribution and eminent services to the City.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that, pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Mr Robin Morris be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Robin was one of the founders of Gloucester Civic Trust in 1972, inspired by the demolition of Southern's Stores in Northgate Street, a fine Tudor building that was in the way of modern redevelopment. Many such buildings had been demolished before this, but such was the condition of this ancient building and the heritage value of the timber-framed structure that Robin helped gather together a group of prominent local people to consider the next steps. Sadly, they were too late to save Southern's Stores but the group, which became Gloucester Civic Trust, has ensured that no other similar ancient building has suffered the same fate since.
- 3.2 For almost 40 years Robin has been Chairman and now Honorary Life President. He has been the driving force behind the Trust for all of those 40 years, additionally forming Gloucester Historic Buildings Ltd as a buildings preservation trust in 1980. Having stood down from the chair recently Robin is still very active within the Trust and has acted as the Trust's legal advisor, not only for the last 40 years but notably in the negotiations for the transfer of Gloucester Life Museum.
- 3.3 Under Robin's guidance Gloucester Historic Buildings, or GHB, has saved a number of historic buildings, mainly in the Westgate area, from destruction by helping owners with sources of funding, expertise, guidance and above all a

determination to preserve the historic buildings of Gloucester. It's an absolute fact that, without Robin, Gloucester's heritage would be in a far worse position than it now is, and the City owes him a huge debt of gratitude.

3.4 Robin's voluntary work includes that of a senior officer in the Order of St John as well as his many other commitments. He was instrumental in the Civic Trust becoming an early recipient of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and was awarded the MBE in 2014 for his services to the community, particularly heritage, in Gloucester. He was an early and very proud recipient of The Mayor's Medal.

3.5 Gloucester Civic Trust celebrates its 50th Jubilee this year and admitting Robin as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester is a fitting tribute his life of service to the City.

4.0 Social Value Considerations

4.1 None

5.0 Environmental Considerations

5.1 None.

6.0 Alternative Options Considered

6.1 None

7.0 Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 The award of Honorary Freeman is considered the most appropriate way to recognise the exemplary service demonstrated by Mr Morris.

8.0 Future Work and Conclusions

8.1 To conclude, the Council warmly thanks Mr Morris for his exemplary service to Gloucester and is delighted to award him the title of Honorary Freeman.

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 There are no direct financial implications.

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

10.0 Legal Implications

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

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

11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

11.1 None

12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:

12.1 A PIA is not required.

13.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

13.1 None

Sustainability

13.2 None

Staffing & Trade Union

13.3 None

Background Documents: None

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Meeting:	Special Council	Date:	24 March 2022
Subject:	Freedom of Entry		
Report Of:	Councillor Andrew Lewis		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	No
Contact Officer:	Tanya Davies, Policy and Governance Manager		
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Appendices:	None		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report asks Council to confer Freedom of Entry upon the Gloucester Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) in recognition of their significant contribution and eminent service to the City.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that, pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Gloucester Branch of the Royal British Legion be granted Freedom of Entry to the City of Gloucester.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

3.1 Over many years the Gloucester Branch of the Royal British Legion, which was first established on 4th February 1922, has served the cause of all service men and woman of the city and beyond.

3.2 The branch’s unstinting work to support the financial and social needs of all service personnel, past and present, and their families, alongside the increasing need for emotional support and mental health services, has been exemplary. During the pandemic, their contributions have been especially significant and, whether it is just a friend to talk to or shop, they have risen to the task. The Council has no doubt that the branch’s work has saved lives.

3.3 During said pandemic, the branch’s role in keeping Remembrance alive and essential fundraising has continued and, as evidenced through support for the ‘Poppy Appeal’, the high regard in which the branch is held throughout all sections of our community is clear. The ordinary members of the RBL coming together for the greater good of the veterans of our armed forces serves as an example to all.

3.4 The RBL has recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, therefore it is the perfect time to recognise the significant contributions made to the City by the local branch through the awarding of this prestigious and richly deserved honour.

4.0 Social Value Considerations

4.1 None

5.0 Environmental Considerations

5.1 None.

6.0 Alternative Options Considered

6.1 None

7.0 Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 The granting of Freedom of Entry is considered the most appropriate way to recognise the exemplary service demonstrated by the RBL.

8.0 Future Work and Conclusions

8.1 To conclude, the Council warmly thanks the RBL for their exemplary service to Gloucester and is delighted grant them Freedom of Entry to the City of Gloucester.

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 There are no direct financial implications.

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

10.0 Legal Implications

10.1 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 empowers the Council to grant Freedom of Entry to 'persons of distinction and any persons who have rendered eminent services to the City'. This honour can be granted to distinguished units of Her Majesty's Forces that are closely associated with the area in question. The award requires a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.

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

11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

11.1 None

12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:

12.1 A PIA is not required.

13.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

13.1 None

Sustainability

13.2 None

Staffing & Trade Union

13.3 None

Background Documents: None

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