



## COUNCIL

**MEETING** : Thursday, 13th July 2023

**PRESENT** : Cllrs. Williams (Mayor), Hudson (Sheriff & Deputy Mayor), Cook, Norman, S. Chambers, Lewis, Padilla, Pullen, Gravells MBE, Tracey, Morgan, Wilson, Bhaimia, D. Brown, Taylor, Field, Patel, Toleman, Brooker, J. Brown, Hyman, Ackroyd, Castle, A. Chambers, Chambers-Dubus, Dee, Durdey, Evans, Kubaszczyk, O'Donnell, Radley, Zaman, Sawyer, Campbell and Trimnell

### **Others in Attendance**

Managing Director  
Monitoring Officer  
Corporate Director  
Head of Culture  
Head of Finance and Resources  
Head of Place  
Policy and Governance Manager  
Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader

Mr Stephen Marston – Vice-Chancellor, University of Gloucestershire

**APOLOGIES** : Cllrs. Finnegan, Bowkett and Conder

### **11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **12. ADMISSION OF HONORARY FREEMAN**

- 12.1 Leader of the Council, Councillor Cook moved that pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Mr Stephen Marston be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the betterment of the City of Gloucester, providing leadership as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire for the institution's growing positive impact on the vibrancy and regeneration of the City, along with his significant personal commitment to improving the cultural life of Gloucester. The motion was seconded by Council Hilton.

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- 12.2 Mr Marston thanked Members for their contributions and stated that it was an honour to be awarded the title of Honorary Freeman. He stated that he had very much enjoyed his time at Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire and was proud of what had been achieved during his tenure. Mr Marston noted that he was particularly pleased that he had been able to see the University expand to such a degree which included a new campus site in the centre of Gloucester which would not only enhance the standing of the City but also had preserved a loved, historic building.
- 12.3 **RESOLVED that:-** pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Mr Stephen Marston be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester in recognition outstanding dedication to the betterment of the City of Gloucester, providing leadership as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire for the institution's growing positive impact on the vibrancy and regeneration of the City, along with his significant personal commitment to improving the cultural life of Gloucester.

**Time of commencement: 6.30 pm hours**  
**Time of conclusion: 6.55 pm hours**

**Chair**