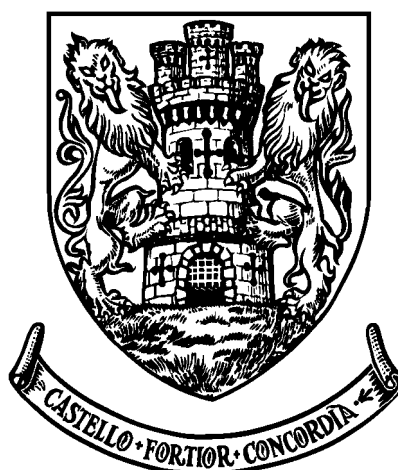


# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



## COUNCIL

Monday, 22 March 2021

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ([HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USER/NORTHAMPTONBCTV/](https://www.youtube.com/user/northamptonbctv/)) ON MONDAY, 22 MARCH 2021 AT 5:00 PM WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED**

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 2. MINUTES.**
- 3. APOLOGIES.**
- 4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
- 5. FORMAL TRANSFER OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MAYORALTY TO THE NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL AND FURTHER ANCILLARY MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE MAYORALTY AND ITS HISTORY AND HERITAGE**

(Copy herewith)

- 6. INSTALLATION OF HONORARY ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN**

Councillor to propose and Councillor to second:

“That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the work of Councillors with twelve years or more is celebrated and the gratitude of the citizens of Northampton is extended by conferring Honorary Alderman status on Councillors Christopher Malpas, Jamie Lane, Penelope Flavell, Tim Hadland, Phil Larratt, Brandon Eldred, Matt Golby, Leslie Marriott, Brian Markham and Dennis Meredith, having fulfilled

that criteria. Therefore the Council, in recognition of the same and eminent service rendered to the Borough and the distinguished part played in the deliberations of the Borough Council by Councillors Christopher Malpas, Jamie Lane, Penelope Flavell, Tim Hadland, Phil Larratt, Brandon Eldred, Matt Golby, Leslie Marriott, Brian Markham and Dennis Meredith as a member thereof, and in appreciation of their deep and unsparing devotion to the public life of the Town, do hereby admit the said Councillors Christopher Malpas, Jamie Lane, Penelope Flavell, Tim Hadland, Phil Larratt, Brandon Eldred, Matt Golby, Leslie Marriott, Brian Markham and Dennis Meredith to be Honorary Aldermen of the Borough.”

## **7. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

Councillor to propose and Councillor to second:

- (i) “That in pursuance of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council do hereby bestow the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Northampton upon Councillors Sally Beardsworth, Tim Hadland, Phil Larratt and Sikh Community Group, in appreciation and recognition of the contribution to the life of the Borough during their time as elected Members of Northampton Borough Council, and to Northampton General Hospital in recognition of the invaluable work that NGH staff provided during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (ii) That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scroll recording such admission;
- (iii) That the names of Sally Beardsworth, Tim Hadland, Phil Larratt, Sikh Community Group, and Northampton General Hospital be entered in the Roll of the Honorary Freemen of Northampton.”

Following upon the passing of the resolution, Sally Beardsworth, Tim Hadland, Phil Larratt, Sikh Community Group, and Northampton General Hospital will be admitted to the Freedom in due form and will be presented by the Mayor, in the name and on behalf of the Council, with a Certificate of Freedom.

## **8. VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR**

Councillor Lane to propose and Councillor Birch to second:

*“That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Brian Sargeant and Ray Sargeant for the able and courteous manner in which they have discharged their duties as Mayor and Mayoress during their time in office”.*

## **9. ADDRESSES FROM PAST MEMBERS**

## **10. POLITICAL GROUP SPEECHES.**

## **11. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.**

George Candler – Chief Executive  
The Guildhall  
Northampton

## **Public Participation**

### **1. Comments and Petitions**

- 1.1 A member of the public (or an accredited representative of a business ratepayer of the Borough) may make a comment or present a petition on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. A comment or presentation of a petition shall be for no more than three minutes. No notice of the nature of the comment to be made or of the petition is required except for the need to register to speak by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

(Public comments and petitions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or other civic or ceremonial meetings.)

#### **NOTES**

- i. Comments may be on one or more subjects but each person has no longer than three minutes to have their say.*
- ii. The same person may make a comment and present a petition on different subjects. In such instances that person will have three minutes to make their comment and a separate three minutes to present a petition.*

### **2. Member and Public Questions**

- 2.1 A member of the public (or business ratepayer of the Borough) may ask a maximum of two written questions at each meeting, each limited to a maximum of 50 words, on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. Each question shall:
- be submitted in writing and delivered, e-mailed to Democratic Services no later than 10.00am seven calendar days before the day of the meeting; and
  - include the name and address of the questioner and the name of the Cabinet member/Committee Chair to whom the question is put.

- 2.2 At the meeting, copies of all questions and the responses to them from the public and Members will be made available to the public and press. The Mayor may allow one supplementary question, without notice, that arises directly from the original question or response.

(Questions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or at civic or ceremonial meetings or meetings called to deal with specific items of business.)

#### **NOTES**

*In respect of paragraph 2.1 above, questions may be rejected on certain grounds that are set out on page 4-12 of the Council's Constitution and which may be viewed at [www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download\\_info.php?fileID=1919](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1919) or by seeking advice using the contact details below.*

### **3. Motions**

3.1 A member of the public may register to speak to a motion under the ‘Notices of Motion’ item on the agenda. Registration to speak must be made to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day to the meeting. Speaking to a motion is restricted to three minutes per person.

(The ‘Notices of Motion’ item will not be taken at the Annual Council meeting or meetings called for civic or ceremonial purposes.)

#### 4. General

A member of the public may make a comment, present a petition, ask a question or speak to a motion at the same meeting subject to the restrictions set out above.

#### 5. Contacts

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## MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Monday, 18 January 2021 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

**PRESENT:** HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Sargeant (in the Chair).

**COUNCILLORS:** Malpas, Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Birch, Bottwood, Cali, Davenport, Duffy, G Eales, T Eales, Eldred, Flavell, Golby, Graystone, Hadland, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, J Hill, Joyce, Kilbride, King, Lane, Larratt, B Markham, Marriott, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Kilby-Shaw, Smith, Stone, Walker and Roberts

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 were agreed and signed by the Mayor.

### 3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Markham, McCutcheon and Beardsworth. It was announced that Councillor Beardsworth would be joining the meeting late.

### 4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor announced that he had attended several socially-distanced engagements, including carol singing at St Crispins Retirement Village with BBC Radio Northampton, delivering festive gifts to 10 local care homes and participating in a pre-recorded Christmas concert at Delapre Abbey, and a Santa Fun Run for the Rotary Club, in costume. Over 150 gifts were sent to those eligible under the Mayor's Fund for the Housebound. The Mayor advised that the Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration had been pre-recorded and would be streamed on the Council's website and the Mayor's Facebook page.

The Mayor announced the sad passing of former MP for Northampton South Brian Binley on Christmas day, and of Dr Ahmed Mukhtar on 7<sup>th</sup> January, former High Sheriff of Northamptonshire. The Union Jack had been lowered to half-mast this week to honour these losses.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

None.

## **6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Mayor advised that 6 questions had been received from Councillors and that the answers had been tabled in accordance with the Constitution.

Questions and answers were given as tabled unless where stated, supplementary questions were asked as detailed below.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 3, Councillor Hallam explained that air quality was monitored monthly (measured against general trends), statistics put on the Council's website and an annual report published.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 4, Councillor Hibbert stated that between March and December 2020, 8 NPH staff members were confirmed to have had Covid-19; in the last almost 3 weeks, 11 staff members had contracted the virus. 25 staff members were shielding.

In response to a supplementary question relating to question 6, Councillor Hibbert stated that current government advice specified that evictions were only considered if rent arrears exceeded a 6-month period, however NPH were only looking at cases where rent arrears exceeded 1 year.

## **7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

Councillor Nunn presented his report as Leader of the Council and highlighted the salient points. Noting issues around the recent migration to Office 365, he asked that any Member having ICT difficulties contact the Democratic and Member Services Manager as soon as possible. In response to questions, Councillor Nunn explained that the Council were given a small allowance for issuing grants, but this did not completely cover the cost. He was not aware of any plans currently for a new hospital, however having built a strong relationship with the health sector throughout the pandemic, the Council was now in a better place to lobby for one and agreed that there was a definite need for one.

Councillor Larratt presented his report as Deputy Leader of the Council and highlighted the salient points. In response to a question regarding the recent flooding in Collingtree, he advised that the contractor for the rail freight interchange was undertaken an investigation but were confident that their works were not having an impact. The Lead Flood Authority were also conducting an investigation. He further advised that the Lead Flood Authority had written a report including their findings with regard to watercourses; resolutions were being worked on in consultation with Veolia and the report would be published once this work was complete. Councillor Larratt noted that the Constitution Working Group for the West Northants shadow authority had recommended that meetings be webcast. Regarding Southfields streetlights, Councillor Larratt confirmed that works were now complete apart from slagging and cabling issues which were being addressed; he asked councillors to let him know of any more outstanding issues.

Councillor Hadland presented his report as Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise and highlighted the salient points. With regard to the Future High Street Fund, Councillor Hadland confirmed that the Council would be spending the awarded

£8.4m on the Market Square, with further details to be sent to central government. This money was ringfenced to the Market Square improvement project. The Town's Fund was also ringfenced for specific projects that were put in the Towns Fund bid and Councillor Hadland noted that £1m had already been received to enable the Council to begin preparation works for the demolition of the Marks & Spencer building. These would become West Northamptonshire Council projects once NBC was dissolved. Regarding to Albion House, it was explained that it would be sold to a trust to accommodate various leathercraft museum facilities; the Trust were acquiring the building with tenants in place and the tenants were aware of the transaction.

Councillor Hibbert presented his report as Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing and highlighted the salient points. In response to questions, he confirmed that the process around collecting information on rogue landlords was onerous; the Council worked closely with the Police and Tax Office to gather the necessary information to bring about prosecutions. Councillor Hibbert advised that the HMO register was available for members of the public to view on the Council's website and the Housing Department were working on making it an easier document to digest.

## **8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS**

Councillor Stone gave a statement on "Looking Ahead" and began by thanking staff for their work around local government reform and thanked the Mayor for his work during a difficult year for the Mayoralty. Councillor Stone noted several national positives including the Covid-19 vaccine rollout, the dedication of health workers and commitment of other key workers and locally, the CEO and senior officers' work in maintaining various regeneration and homelessness projects and also expressed thanks to the various youth projects and food banks in the town. Councillor Stone stated that structural inequalities undermined attempts to curb Covid-19 and commented that those inequalities threatened the NHS and would further undermine the country's economic recovery. She noted that impact that the pandemic had on children. Councillor Stone advised that there was a "hidden need" within Northampton communities which had been uncovered by the large uptake of food parcels to struggling families and further stated that statutory services were only as good as the volunteers within the community. Councillor Stone advised that the strategy for West Northants Council was agreed before Brexit and the pandemic and she felt it unsuitable for current times and asked that the Council stand up for Northampton's most disadvantaged.

Councillor Nunn echoed the thanks given by Councillor Stone and agreed that uncovering more residents with "hidden needs" and finding solutions for those people should be a priority and that he would be willing to discuss these issues further with Councillor Stone.

Councillor Stone advised that depending solely on schools to look after children during these times was insufficient; everybody had a responsibility and that the Council should be thinking creatively about what needed to be happening in communities to make sure no children were going without food, education and play time.

## **9. NORTHAMPTON LOCAL PLAN PART 2: SUBMISSION VERSION**

Councillor Hill presented a report to Council which sought agreement to submit the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Councillor Hadland seconded the report.

Councillor B Markham highlighted the importance of the Local Plan and voiced his pleasure that the climate emergency was addressed within the document.

Councillor Davenport stated that land banking (in reference to Ransome Road) was an ongoing issue and asked that it be raised by Council with Northampton MPs.

Councillor Joyce thanked Councillor Hill for the report but voiced concern around the size and weight of the papers and questioned whether there was not a “greener” way that agenda could be sent to Members.

Councillor Stone noted that air quality around the traveller site on Ecton Lane was very poor and further noted that children walking to the nearby village school were forced to walk in the road since there was no paving or verge.

Councillor Hadland stated that public engagement during the consultation phase had been very high. He agreed with Councillor Davenport regarding land banking and advised that there were approximately 1 million housing planning permissions currently outstanding.

Councillor Hill commented that he would discuss with the Director of Planning and Sustainability how to best lobby MPs regarding land banking. He acknowledged comments made by Councillor Joyce regarding the size of the agenda but highlighted the importance of ensuring that all Members had access to the document.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. Council approved the submission of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a Planning Inspector under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended.
2. That the Officer responses to the representations made on the Proposed Submission Local Plan Round 2 be agreed (Appendix 2 of the report).
3. That the Proposed Schedule of Minor Modifications be agreed (Appendix 3 of the report).
4. That the Director of Planning and Sustainability may approve any necessary supporting documentation to the Plan required for submission.

#### **10. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - NEXT STEPS (A)**

Councillor Larratt presented a report to Council which sought to report the recommended suggestions for a first-year base budget from the Cross-Party Working Group held on the 9 December 2020. He explained that the report had been



amended and circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Nunn seconded the report.

Councillor Stone commented that whilst this was not the preferred option, it was in everybody's interest to set the new town and parish councils up to succeed for the benefit of the residents. She noted that areas within the new town and parish councils were those with previously mentioned "hidden needs" and hoped that the new councils would find a way to work with the unitary authority in a way that benefitted both, as well as residents.

Councillor Birch noted that the unitary authority may not fully understand the pressures that residents of a large urban area dealt with and that the new town and parish councils would be better equipped to deal with these issues, and that residents would have more say in how money collected through precepts was spent in their local areas.

Councillor Davenport voiced her concern around the cost of precepts in addition to increased council tax; she felt that she had betrayed residents because she had been advised, and in turn advised residents, that local government reform would save them money.

Councillor B Markham commented that he anticipated the cost of town and parish council precepts to increase in the coming years.

Councillor Roberts commented that previous reports to the Cross-Party Working Group were lacking in some respects (costings, background information etc.) and she did not feel able to support the recommendations if this was still the case.

Councillor G Eales stated that he was opposed to Town Council Member allowances or proposed council tax increase and precepts, and that no councillors had a mandate to make decisions on behalf of residents since local elections had been postponed, apart from Councillor Roberts who had been elected in a by-election.

Councillor T Eales noted that many public sector workers would not see a pay rise and noted the increase in food bank use nationally and felt that Member Allowances were distasteful given the circumstances.

Councillor Meredith commented that many residents in his ward relied on food banks and many would struggle to pay for the new precept and increase in council tax.

Councillor Nunn commented that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme in Northampton would increase as rates were harmonised across the different areas in the West. He noted that it was for the individual councils to set their own budgets and that the report was merely a recommendation. He further noted that Councillor Allowances were included to ensure that childcare could be paid for in instances of single parents wishing to become councillors.

Councillor Larratt highlighted the importance of Northampton residents having a

strong voice within the unitary authority and believed that town and parish councils were an effective way of making those voices be heard.

Upon a requisition of a recorded vote:

There voted for the recommendation:

Councillors Ashraf, Ansell, Aziz, Birch, Bottwood, Duffy, Eldred, Flavell, Golby, Graystone, Hadland, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, Hill, Kilbride, King, Lane, Larratt, Malpas, Marriott, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Kilby-Shaw, Smith, Stone, Walker.

There voted against the recommendation:

Councillors Cali, G Eales, T Eales, Joyce, Meredith, Roberts.

There abstained the Mayor, Davenport, B Markham, Russell.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. Council accepted the suggested base budgets for Northampton Town Council, Kingsthorpe Parish Council and Far Cotton & Delapre Community Council, as set out at paragraph 4.3 of the report, and in turn suggested to the Northampton Town Council, the Kingsthorpe Parish Council and the Far Cotton & Delapre Community Council to set these budgets for their respective Councils for 2021/22 to ensure their safe and legal operation.

#### **11.COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - NEXT STEPS (B)**

Councillor Larratt presented a report to Council which sought approval for the transfer of assets from Northampton Borough Council to the new town and parish councils, including a long-term lease of the Guildhall to Northampton Town Council. He noted that a revised report had been circulated amongst Members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Birch commented that the Guildhall would remain a centrepiece of the town as well as the town council's headquarters and noted its significance, both historically and personally to the people of Northampton.

Councillor Stone echoed comments made by Councillor Birch around the importance of keeping the Guildhall in the possession of the new town council and reiterated her point that the people of Northampton were best placed to deal with Northampton-specific issues.

Councillor B Markham advised that the amendments made to the report were essential and he was happy to support the recommendations now that these amendments had been made.

Councillor Roberts asked for clarity around what the report enabled town and parish councils to do.

Councillor Meredith voiced his support for the report and commented that it was

important to secure the Guildhall for the benefit of residents.

Councillor Nunn seconded the report and commented that the new town council would be provided with all of the costs associated with running the Guildhall and it would be for the town council to decide whether it chose to take it on.

## **RESOLVED:**

### **1. Guildhall**

- The old part of the Guildhall (Town Hall) is the recommended headquarters for Northampton Town Council.
- The tenure recommended is to be a long leasehold let on an internal repairing basis.
- The recommended rent is a peppercorn but the costs for maintenance and services will be recharged based on a fair proportion.
- The lease is subject to detailed negotiations between the Town Council and the West Northampton Unitary Council to agree the exact terms, including for instance defining the common parts, service charge services, any break options, etc.
- Both parties to pay their own professional fees including legal costs.

### **2. Far Cotton Recreation Centre and Playing Field**

- The recommended headquarters for the Parish Council is space in Far Cotton Recreational Centre.
- The property is let with rental income generated for Northampton Borough Council; this will pass to West Northamptonshire Unitary Council.
- It is recommended that the Parish enters into negotiations with West Northampton Unitary Council to transfer the recreational centre and playing field from the Unitary to the Parish.
- Any transfer would be subject to detailed negotiations between the Community Council and the West Northampton Unitary Council to agree the exact terms.
- Both parties to pay their own professional fees including legal costs.

### **3. Kingsthorpe Community Centre and the Pastures Community Centre**

- It is recommended that the Parish will use space in both of these Centres, which are let to community organisations on internal leases.
- It is recommended that the Parish enters into negotiations with West Northampton Unitary Council to transfer these community centres from the Unitary to the Parish.
- Any transfer would be subject to detailed negotiations between the Parish Council and the West Northampton Unitary Council to agree the exact terms.
- Both parties to pay their own professional fees including legal costs

**4.** This is an enabling measure which has to be agreed to allow the transfer of assets, if that is what the Community and Parish Councils of Far Cotton & Delapre and Kingsthorpe and the Northampton Town Council choose. It is not a commitment to transfer. Commitment to transfer will be the second step.

This will be the decision of the Community, Parish and Town Councils, whereupon

more detailed work will be conducted by them, looking at feasibility, governance and cost.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Stone advised that the Labour Group had withdrawn the motion.

**13. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.**

The meeting concluded 21:05pm



Appendices: 1



**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

**Agenda Status:** Public

**Directorate:** Chief Executive

<p><b>Report Title</b></p>	<p><b>Formal Transfer of Mayoralty and Muniments/Artefacts etc associated with the Mayoralty and History/Heritage along with associated matters relating to Offices of Dignity, The Honorary Recorder and an Agreement to Safeguard the Muniments etc being transferred.</b></p>
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**1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 To ask Full Council to formally agree the transfer of the Borough Council's Mayoralty and all muniments and artefacts associated with the Mayoralty and its long history and heritage to the Northampton Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.
- 1.2 In addition and connected with 1.1 above, to approve the final list of muniments and artefacts etc (see enclosed Appendix A) with the caveat that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cross Party Working Group to approve any additional items to the said list prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.
- 1.3 That authority be given to the Chief Executive to enter into an appropriate agreement between Northampton Borough Council and the Northampton Town Council to ensure the future safekeeping of all the muniments/artefacts in the enclosed list marked Appendix A.
- 1.4 The Chief Executive be given delegated authority in connection with the Cross-Party Working Group to determine the continuing role of the Offices of Civic Dignity and the Roll of Honorary Freedoms and to also include any other matters in relation any such offices.
- 1.5 To continue to explore and assuming it can be legally enacted, agree the transfer of the Honorary Recorder role from the Borough Council to the Northampton Town Council, subject to any necessary discussions with the West

Northants Shadow Authority and from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, West Northamptonshire Council, as to any involvement they may wish to have in the Honorary role.

## **2. Recommendations**

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That Full Council is asked to consider and approve the following recommendations:

- 2.1 The formal transfer of the Borough Mayoralty and all its associated duties and offices to the Northampton Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.
- 2.2 That all items in the enclosed list to this report marked Appendix A be transferred from the Borough Council to the Northampton Town Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 with the caveat that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with members of the Cross Party Working Group to approve any additional items that may be discovered prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021.
- 2.3 That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to enter into an appropriate agreement between Northampton Borough Council and the Northampton Town Council to ensure the future safekeeping of all muniments/artefacts listed in the enclosed list to this report marked Appendix A.
- 2.4 The Chief Executive be given delegated authority in consultation with the Cross Party Working Group to determine the continuing role of the Offices of Civic Dignity and the Roll of Honorary Freedoms and any other matters relating to such offices and their functions with the intention that all such offices, civic relationships etc will be transferred to the Northampton Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021
- 2.5 To continue to explore and assuming it can be legally enacted, agree the transfer on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, or a reasonable date thereafter, of the Honorary Recorder role from Northampton Borough Council to the Northampton Town Council subject to all formal legal matters by statute being concluded, and any necessary discussions with the West Northamptonshire Council as to any involvement they may wish to have in the honorary role.

## **3. Issues and Choices**

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- 3.1 It seems appropriate at this last meeting of Full Council to formally agree that the Mayoralty and all its associated functions be transferred to the Northampton Town Council to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021. This has already been achieved by the Northampton Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) No 1 (Northampton Parish Council) Order 2020 which under Clause 14 of that Order transferred the Mayoralty to the Northampton Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021. This is however an historic occasion and it is fitting that a formal transfer of the Mayoralty should be agreed in the context of its long history and future development and enhancement under the care of Northampton Town Council. It is understood that the Northampton Town Council are considering having a ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to receive the handover of Northampton Borough Council's Mayoralty from the present holder of that distinguished office.

- 3.2 Council is also asked to approve the final list of muniments/artefacts (Appendix A) with the Chief Executive having appropriate delegated authority in consultation with the Cross Party Working Group to add any further items to the said list that come to light by the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021. Council should also note that the final list of transferred items includes the Mayoral car and its licence plate.
- 3.3 Concern has been expressed by a number of members of the Council as to the future safeguarding and security of the list of muniments/artefacts as named in the enclosed list (marked as Appendix A). In order to answer these concerns it is proposed to give the Chief Executive delegated powers to enter an agreement between the Borough Council and the Northampton Town Council to have such an agreement with clauses providing the appropriate safeguards for the future retention, preservation and security of all the items in the said list (Appendix A).
- 3.4 The last report to Council on the issue of the Honorary Recorder's position was on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 when the Council approved the appointment of HM Judge Mayo as the Honorary Recorder of Northampton Borough Council. Council should note that the Lord Chief Justice's Guidelines for the appointment of Honorary Recorder allows since the implementation of the Court's Act, 1971 for Council's in England and Wales to have power to appoint a Circuit Judge as a Honorary Recorder of the Borough Council concerned and thereby continue the important link between, in this case, Northampton and its criminal court, i.e. Crown Court. The office of Honorary Recorder is purely an honorary title and does not entail the postholder having any specific duties except to attend civic ceremonial events such as the Annual Council meeting and Remembrance Services. The recommendations for this item reflect that further discussions need to take place with various bodies to enable the transfer of the role to pass from the Borough Council to Northampton Town Council. This should also be done alongside and in consultation with the new West Northamptonshire Council.
- 3.5 It is proposed that the Chief Executive be given delegated powers in consultation with the Cross Party Working Group and the Northampton Town Council to determine the continuing role of the Office of Civic Dignity and the role of Honorary Freedoms to include the strong association with the Trustees of the Heredity Freemen of Northampton and any other such offices and organisations related to the Mayoralty. All these arrangements and functions as agreed will transfer to the Northampton Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021. In addition, the Chief Executive's delegated authority will embrace discussions on the future role of existing Alderwomen/Aldermen in both the West Northamptonshire Council and the Northampton Town Council. For members information, section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 only provides statutory power for a Principal Council i.e. Borough Council, Unitary or County Council to create future Alderwomen/Aldermen.

#### **4. Implications (including financial)**

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- 4.1 The cost of the proposed agreement to safeguard the muniments/artefacts to be transferred to the Northampton Town Council will come out of the existing Community Governance Review budget and the cost is likely to be in the region of £3,000.



**5. Resources and Risk**

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5.1 The financial costs are as stated in 4.1 above.

**6. Legal**

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6.1 There are no legal issues at this stage except for the need to comply with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, 2007 and ancillary legislation and regulations.

**7. Environmental Implications**

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7.1 None at this stage.

**8. Other Implications**

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8.1 None at this stage.

**9. Background Papers**

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9.1 Appendix A as enclosed






**George Candler  
Chief Executive**

Insurance evaluation	Category (insurance document)	Itinerary number	Description of item	Materials	Engraving	Date	Location	Thumb nail photo
			<p>Mayoral Chains 18 Ct gold chain consisting two strands of faceted/ decorative belcher links, connected by coin centre link, diameter 27mm.</p> <p>Total weight 270g Pendant:</p> <p>Hallmarked 9Ct pendant gold pendant, special shape size, 85mm x 60mm. Pierced frame with hand painted centre and applied text scroll above. Hand painted enamel motto scroll below shield.</p> <p>Total weight 109g</p>					
			<p>Hallmarked 9Ct gold chain consisting of 22 rectangular stamped and enamel links, size 36mm x 20mm, 13 stamped and flood enamelled Tudor rose links and complete with crossed cast maces and enamelled 'N' centre link.</p> <p>Total weight 439g Pendant:</p> <p>Hallmarked 9Ct pendant gold pendant, special shape size, 60mm x 50mm. Pierced frame with hand painted centre and applied text rim. Stamped 15mm diameter coin applied to top, complete with hand painted enamel droplet, 24mm x 22mm.</p> <p>Total weight 107g</p>					






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			ROBES Blue Small - 6 Blue Medium - 22 Blue Large - 7 Red Small - 1 Red Large - 9 (+2 Cllr Nunn and Cllr Larratt) Chief Executive Gown - Black velvet, black polyester Mace Bearers Gown - Black	Fabric				
			HEADWEAR Bicorn - Plain black - 27 (one damaged) Bicorn - Gold button - 8 Tricorn - Plain black - 6 (one damaged) Tricorn - Gold button - 3 (on damaged) Mayoral Tricorn- 2 - 1 damaged Mayoral Bicorn - 2 - both damaged Two black top hats					
			NH1 Number Plate - gifted from DVLA					
			Mayoral Vehicle - Jaguar XJ 3.0d V6 Luxury 4Dr Auto Chassis number: SAJAC202XENV71614					
			Mayoral Robes - damaged					






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			New Mayoral Robes					Awaiting delivery
			New Mayoral Bicorn					
n/a			Ceremonial Tree Planting Spade	solid silver and walnut			Mayyor's Parlour Office	
		1	Mini bust of George Washington	unknown		1998	Window Ledge	
		2	Small plaque - IWA Northampton	wood/brass	IWA Northampton National Campaign, 1761-2011 Festival, 250 years of Navigation, 29th April - 2ns May 2011	2011	Window Ledge	

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		3	Small brass ornament - Poitiers	brass	20th Annivesaire du Jumelage - Poitiers Northampton Avril 1999	1999	Window Ledge	
		4	Small plaque - IWA Northampton	wood/brass	Northampton Festival of Water - Northampton Arm 1815-2015	2015	Window Ledge	
		5	Silver rose bowl	Silver? Tarnished	Philips Public Lighting Competition 1987 first place awarded to Northampton Borough Council	1987	Window Ledge	
		6	decanter in locked presentation box	Crystal glass/wood	presented by Anglia Television to mark Northampton's 800th Charter Anniversary		Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		7	Commemorative plate	Fine bone china	Royal Worcester fine bone chine made in England made exclusively for Oswestry Town Council Limited edition 1990	1990	Window Ledge - William Tilly	

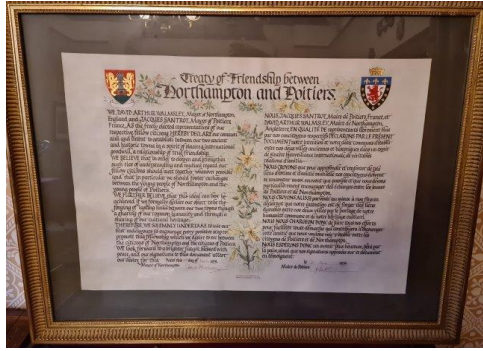




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		8	Glass ornament	Lasered glass	Fursorgerin Notleidender, Elisabeth v. Thuringen		Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		9	Small glass vase x 2	Glass	Northampton's Charter Granted By Richard I 800th Anniversary 1189-1989	1989	Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		10	Plaster mini statue	Plaster/china?	Minerve de Poitiers		Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		11	Brass commemorative plate	brass	In profound appreciation of your support to Tibetan People and Tibet, Central Tibetan Administration, Sikyong Kashag	2019	Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		12	Brass (plated?) commemorative plate	brass	Presented by: Tibetan Parliament in Exile Gangchen Kyishong, Dharamsala, H.P India		Window Ledge - William Tilly	








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		13	Crystal vase	Crystal glass	Stand Harelbeke		Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		14	Brass commemorative coin	Brass	Northampton Massachusetts 227/350	1984?	Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		15	Crystal glass basket vase	crystal glass	Doultron international crystal made in poland	n/a	Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		16	Brass number medallion	Brass	Northampton Massachusetts 60/350	2004	Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		17	Hip flask	stainless steel	Castillo Fortier Concordia - Northampton		Window Ledge - William Tilly	





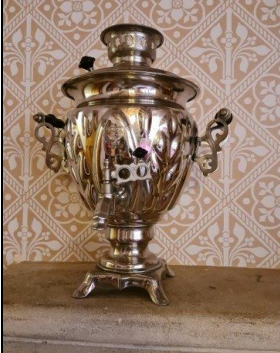
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		18	Brass ornament - of a building front	brass/stone	Casa de la Villa,	1998?	Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		19	Silver display bowl and plinth	Silver	Montis Insignia Calpe (Gibraltar c of a) Hall marked, Mapin and Webb London		Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		20	Pottery Jug in red presentation case - china	unknown	All in Chinese!		Window Ledge - William Tilly	
		21	Large crystal vase	Crystal glass, wood/brass	Presented to Alderman Arthur William Lyne OBE JP With the Honorary Freedom of the Borough April 1958	1958	Top of display cabinet 1 - William Tilly	
		22	Black and white photography portrait		Arthur William Lyne 1938 - 1939		Top of display cabinet 1 - William Tilly	








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		23	Treaty of Friendship between Northampton and Poitiers, gilt frame large			1979	Top of display cabinet 1 - William Tilley	
		34	commemorative cake knife	Silver	Foundation stone for Guildhall	1991	William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		35	Medallion	Gold?	Northampton Leather Exhibition 1873	1873	William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		36	Silver Spoon		Salisbury South Aust - prestige souvenirs		William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		37	Small commemorative plate - wedgewood	pottery	Ienn Innes - Australian Standing Stones		William Tilley Cabinet 2	






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		38	Commemorative plate	china?	Saint Mary and the Virgin Northampton - hand painted 1996	1996	William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		39	Brass medallion	Brass	Poitiers/Northampton/Marberg		William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		40	Glass whiskey bottle - corked with liquid	Glass	Glasgow Caledonian University		William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		41	Steel plate	Steel?	Universitätsstadt Marburg		William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		42	Scroll and silver presentation box	Silver	Sotheby's lot 76 12.9.95 1995.444 presented to Reginald Thomas Paget QC MP on the occasion of the conferment of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough 20th March 1972	1995	William Tilley Cabinet 2	










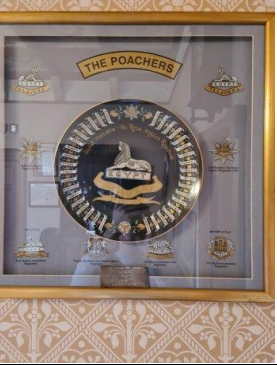


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		43	Honorary Freeman of the Borough Scroll	Parchment	Reginald Thomas Paget - 20th March 1972	1972	William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		44	Pottery plate (traditional)	Pottery	Marburg		William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		45	Large brass plated plate	Brass?	Piquen Local Council , Israel		William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		46	Honorary Freeman of the Borough framed certificate		Alderman Arthur William Lyne OBE JP 22 April 1958	1958	William Tilley Cabinet 2	
		47	Silver drinks urn	Silver? Tarnished	Tyna?	1985	William Tilley Mantle Piece	

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		48	Gold decorative ornament with glass bowl	Gold			William Tilley Mantle Piece	
		49	Silver mounted challis with key handles	Silver	Presented to Mark Dormant Esq, Mayor of Northampton in commemoration of his opening of the new town hall 17th May 1864	1864	William Tilley Mantle Piece	
		50	Ceremonial Leader Staff	wood/brass	writing illegible	1822?	William Tilley - corner	
		51	Ceremonial Spear	wood/brass			William Tilley Walls	
		52	Bayonet spear - mounted and framed				William Tilley Walls	








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		53	Agreement of Twinning - Northampton Marberg (English) - framed				William Tilley Walls	
		54	Freeman of Northampton - legal agreement - framed				William Tilley Walls	
		55	Plaques - Local Authorities and wooden crucifix	Wood		South Northants, Corby Borough Council, Kettering Borough Council, Northampton Borough Council, Northampton County Council, Borough of Wellingborough, Daventry District Council, East Northants	William Tilley Walls	
		56	Agreement of Twinning - Northampton Marberg (German) - framed				William Tilley Walls	
		57	Twinning Northampton Marberg plaque	Slate			William Tilley Walls	





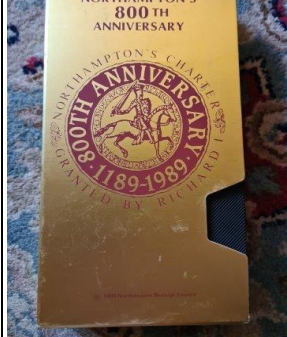
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		58	Certificate - Northampton Sea Cadets Mayor Presidency				William Tilley Walls	
		59	Northampton 80 Lions Club - satin flag				William Tilley Walls	
		60	Line drawing - All Saints Church Northampton - framed		Facsimile of drawing by George Clark of Scaldwell - circa 1835		William Tilley Walls	
		61	Certificate - Freeman of Northampton - Diana Princess of Wales - framed		8th June 1989	1989	William Tilley Walls	
		62	Certificate - Honorary Alderman status - framed		Donald Edwards Tuesday 16th January 2012	2012	William Tilley Walls	

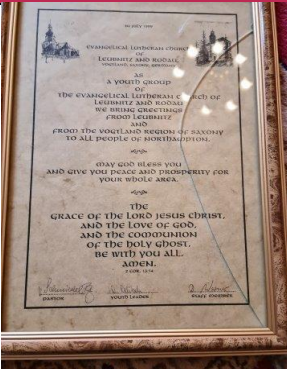



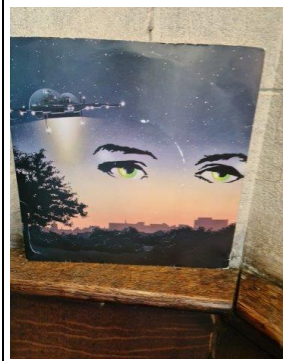
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		63	Painting - unknown content - framed		Presented to NBC on 25th April 1990 by Northamptonshire police on the occasion of the people receiving the Freedom of the Borough	1990	William Tilley Walls	
		64	Certificate -		The Armorial Bearings of The Mayor Alderman and Burgesses of Borough of Northampton 14 March 1906	1906	William Tilley Walls	
		65	The Poachers - framed and mounted commemorative plate		To the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton from The Officers Mess of the Poachers 18-21st February 1990	1990	William Tilley Walls	
		66	Plaques - Local Authorities	wood	Milton Keynes Council		William Tilley Walls	
		67	Painting of King George	Gold frame	Bulgaria		William Tilley Walls	








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		68	Wooden plaque of King George		P Alas		William Tilley Walls	
		69	Grandfather clock - wall mounted	wood			William Tilley Walls	
		70	Oil Painting - framed	gold	A T Vokes		William Tilley Walls	
		71	Silver mirrored clock	silver/glass			William Tilley dresser 1	
		72	NBC Tea Set x2	China	Wedgewood reg 814269		William Tilley dresser 2	










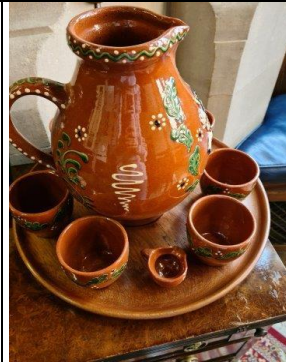


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		73	Commemorative plate		Fine hotel china - Owestry Town Council compliments slip		William Tilley dresser 2	
		74	Framed mirror plaque	Mirror/wood	Cllr Arthur McCutcheon - to mark 300 years of Khalsa - Sikh Community Centre Northampton		William Tilley dresser 2	
		75	Mounted artwork - damaged	brass /wood			William Tilley dresser 2	
		76	Silver plate in presentation box	silver	Maharashtra state award authority Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bombay Birmingham exchange 1983	1983	William Tilley dresser 2	
		77	VHS		Northampton's 800th Anniversary	1989	William Tilley dresser 2	






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		78	Framed piece - broken glass		Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leubnitz and Rodau	1999	William Tilley dresser 2	
		79	Framed hand drawing of Boothville Middle School		T J Spencer	1993	William Tilley dresser 2	
		80	Framed photograph - delepre council building?				William Tilley dresser 2	
		81	Model train		Hexie - New Generation High Speed EMU		William Tilley dresser 2	
		82	7" Single - A Love Affair with Northampton is a Journey into Space				Parlour window ledge	






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		83	Trophy - Green apple environment awards		Bronze award	2003	Parlour window ledge	
		84	Framed photograph	Glass	Universitätsstadt Marburg	2003	Parlour window ledge	
		85	Trophy - salvation army	Glass			Parlour window ledge	
		86	Key to the city of Northampton Massachusetts			1998	Parlour window ledge	
		87	Trophy		NYG 2000 Winner Athletics	2000	Parlour window ledge	








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		88	Plaque	Steel/wood	To commemorate the visit to Northampton 1990 from the grateful students and teachers of colegio maristes la Immaculata Barcelona	1990	Parlour window ledge	
		89	Mineral ornament		Jasper from the Lokken mine Meldal Norway		Parlour window ledge	
		90	Trophy		NYG 2000 Winner Swimming	2000	Parlour window ledge	
		91	Plaque	Wood/brass	City of Niagra Falls Canada		Parlour window ledge	
		92	Ornamental Glass	Glass	Royal Pioneer Corps Freedom Day 29th March 1984	1984	Parlour window ledge	

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		93	Ornamental Glass	Glass	Brackmills 14th November 1985	1985	Parlour window ledge	
		94	Trophy	Clay	Chronicle and Echo Golden Knome Award 1999	1999	Parlour window ledge	
		95	Pottery tea set	Clay	Marburg		Parlour chest of drawers	
		96	Stone bowl				Parlour bookshelf 1	
		97	Brass Basket				Parlour bookshelf 1	






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		98	Medal in case		Poitiers		Parlour bookshelf 1	
		99	Large brass statue				Parlour mantle piece	
		100	Trophy		NYG Winner Boys Basketball 2000		Parlour mantle piece	
		101	Grandfather clock	wood			Parlour mantle piece	
		102	Trophy		NYG Winner Girls Rugby 2000	2000	Parlour mantle piece	






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		103	Trophy		NYG Winner Girls Basketball	2000	Parlour mantle piece	
		104	Large brass statue				Parlour mantle piece	
		105	Brass Commemorative coin in display case	Brass	Sapientire et scientire Civitas		Parlour mantle piece	
		106	wooden candle holder	Wood	Kanevad 1988	1988	Parlour mantle piece	
		107	Framed painting		The southwest prospect of Northampton		Parlour left wall	








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		108	framed certificate		Communities in bloom international (Canada) Honourable mention		Parlour left wall	
		109	framed certificate		Freedom of the Borough Cllr R Liddington	1988	Parlour left wall	
		110	Framed collection - four paintings		unable to see plaque		Parlour left wall	
		111	Framed certificate		Environment Charter 18th May 1982	1982	Parlour left wall	
		112	Mounted and framed past Mayor's badge		Helen Hanafy 1933	1933	Parlour left wall	













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		113	Mounted and framed scroll and seals		Local Government Act?	1974	Parlour left wall	
		114	Mounted and framed scroll and seals		Local Government Act?	1974	Parlour left wall	
		115	Framed Photograph - signed		HRH Queen Elizabeth	1992	Parlour back wall	
		115	Framed Photograph - signed		HRH Prince Philip	1965	Parlour back wall	
		117	Small framed painting		Guildhall	1995	Parlour front wall	






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		118	Small Art work piece - collage		writing illegible		Parlour front wall	
		119	Plaque -		Marberg		Parlour right wall	
		120	Plaque		Milton Keynes Council		Parlour right wall	
		121	Ink and quill calander set	Glass/wood				
		122	Plaque mounted on wood	wood/brass	County championship 1993 with thanks to Northampton Borough Council from British Korfball Association	1993		





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		123	Display case with magnifying glass, letter knife and wooden pen - cloth bottom is coming away	wood				
		124	Plaque	wood and brass	U/17 Boys FCIT Northampton, March 1991	1991		
		125	Commemorative coin	steel/silver	The municipality of Wenduine on Sea (Belgium) To The Town of Northampton 29/12/1956	1956		
		126	Commemorative coin	Brass	Northampton, Poitiers, Marburg			
		127	Bike sculpture on wooden plynth	Metal/wood	Radferntour 1993 Marburg Northampton Radsportverein 1885/91 Marburg	1993		









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		128	Commemorative coin in case	Metal - unknown	Gemeinde Neustadt (Weid)			
		129	Glass flat bowl/stand		Castello Fortior Concordia, Northampton			
		130	Commemorative coin	brass	Villes de Poitiers	1995		
		131	Commemorative coin in case	metal - unknown	Radhus Reykjavikur 14 April 1992	1992		
		132	Commemorative coin	metal - steel	Northampton Veteran Ambulance Society	1984		




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		133	Commemorative coin	metal - steel	Northampton Itec Centre 24th May 1983	1983		
		134	Satin flag	satin	Heather Jeavons - Malvern Hills Lions Club District 105m District Governer 2015-16	2015		
		135	Case with 6 silver spoons	Stainless chromium plate				
		136	Case with 4 silver spoons - places for 8 - 6 missing	Stainless chromium plate				
		137	Silver ashtray	Steel	Timkeno 52400, Made in England			







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		138	Glass paperweight					
		139	Commemorative coin	Steel	Villes de Poitiers			
		140	Commemorative coin plastic case	Brass	a Cap - Communaute d'Agglomeration			
		141	Commemorative coin plastic case	brass	Ville de Poitier			
		142	Four cast medieval seals	plastic	Has museun leaflets enclosed			

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Coram James Ltd - Desk Top Evaluation taken on 29th September 2019 Valuation Number 001988	Furniture, carpets, clocks and Lighting	3	Small finely carved shields commemorating the names of Mayors, 1377-1947, and 64 later shields of lower quality.					
Coram James Ltd - Desk Top Evaluation taken on 29th September 2019 Valuation Number 001988	Silver & metalware	1	A Stuart Mace and two Hanoverian Sergeant's Maces, the longer one with a mark of a Stuart Sovereign, the other two George I.					
43 Coram James Ltd - Desk Top Evaluation taken on 29th September 2019 Valuation Number 001988	Silver & metalware	2	A James I gilt-copper Sergeant's Mace.					
Coram James Ltd - Desk Top Evaluation taken on 29th September 2019 Valuation Number 001988	Silver & metalware	3	The 17th century silver gilt Great Mace of Northampton, with the crest of King Charles.					
Coram James Ltd - Desk Top Evaluation taken on 29th September 2019 Valuation Number 001988	Silver & metalware	4	And the remaining items in the Silver Collection, valued individually at less than £25,000					






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# COUNCIL

## 22 March 2021

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>INSTALLATION OF HONORARY ALDERMEN &amp; ALDERWOMAN</b>
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### 1. Purpose

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- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on current Councillors:

Christopher Malpas;  
Jamie Lane;  
Penelope Flavell;  
Tim Hadland;  
Phil Larratt;  
Brandon Eldred;  
Matt Golby;  
Leslie Marriott;  
Brian Markham;  
Dennis Meredith;

in recognition of their eminent service as Members of the Council.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on the Councillors listed below, in recognition of their eminent service as Members of the Council.

Christopher Malpas;  
Jamie Lane;  
Penelope Flavell;  
Tim Hadland;  
Phil Larratt;  
Brandon Eldred;  
Matt Golby;  
Leslie Marriott;



Brian Markham;  
Dennis Meredith.

- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install the Councillors listed in 2.1 above as Honorary Alderman/Woman.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the “1972 Act”) enables a Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of the Council, but who are not then members of the Council. Section 249 LGA 1972 was amended by Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 section 29 amends the 1972 Act and permits the honorary title to be conferred as Alderman and Alderwoman.
- 3.1.2 Section 249 (1) was amended by Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transitional Arrangements)(no 2) Regulations 2008 which enables a Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council and who are either past or current members. S249(1) is no longer restricted to past Members.
- 3.1.3 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman must be passed by vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at the Council a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.4 The honour is purely ceremonial. Honorary Aldermen/Alderwoman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may decide, but do not as such have the right to attend to participate in meetings or committees of the Council, or to receive allowances or other payments. However, the 1972 Act enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.5 At the Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013, the Council approved the principle of conferring the title on former members with 12 years or more past service, and who, in the opinion of Council, have rendered eminent service to the Council.
- 3.1.6 The members listed in 2.1 above have served as members of the Council of in excess of 12 years and they are proposed for this Honour in accordance with Council policy
- 3.1.7 It is proposed to install the members listed in 2.1 above as Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members

are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those attending will be required.

#### **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

##### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

##### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249[5] of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote for any individual nomination.

##### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no specific equality implications

#### **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 Emails and Meeting notes considering bestowing the title.

**George Candler  
Chief Executive**



**COUNCIL**  
**22 March 2021**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>INSTALLATION OF HONORARY FREEDOM TO COUNCILLOR SALLY BEARDSWORTH</b>
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**1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Councillor Sally Beardsworth.

**2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom on the Councillor Sally Beardsworth, in recognition of his public service contribution to the people of the Northampton.
- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install Councillor Sally Beardsworth with the Council’s Freedom.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

**3. Issues and Choices**

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**3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Borough Council can by resolution pass by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, appoint to be an Honorary Freeman or Freewoman of the Borough, persons of distinction and persons who have , in the opinion of the Council , rendered eminent services to the Borough Council and people of Northampton.
- 3.1.2 Presentation of the Honorary Freedom is a single honour, accompanied by a special Council meeting and ceremony and the presentation of an engrossed

and illuminated scroll setting out the terms of the Council's resolution. The intention, if this report is approved is to confer the award at this Council meeting .The scroll can be accompanied by a decorated silver casket .

- 3.1.3 The Borough Council has in the past granted equivalent honours on a few occasions to organisations including three regimental 'marching freedoms' allowing ceremonial parades . The last such parade took place on the 19th. March, 2000 by the 118 Recovery Company REME of the Territorial Army Centre .
- 3.1.4 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Freedom must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.5 The honour is purely ceremonial. However, the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.6 Councillor Beardsworth was elected to represent Boughton Green ward in 1983 and held the ward until 1987. She then spent a number of years working in a hospital in the United States before returning to the UK in 1991. In 1993 she was elected to represent the Kingsthorpe Ward and has done so ever since.
- 3.1.7 During 2005-2006 she was the Mayor and between 2007-2011 she held the Council portfolio responsibility for Housing and remains proud of generating £58 million spending on improving housing in Northampton during that period. She became the Council's first female leader of a political party in 2001 when she became leader of the Liberal Democrats, a position she holds to this day. She wishes to express her farewell to the Borough Council and thanks all the staff and friends she has worked with over the years.
- 3.1.8 It is proposed to install Councillor Sally Beardsworth with the Honorary Freedom at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those present will be required.

### **3 Implications (including financial implications)**

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#### **3.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

#### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

#### **4.3 Legal**

- 4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote of those present for any individual nomination.

#### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no direct equality implications

### **5 Background Papers**

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Email correspondence and meeting notes considering the nominations

**George Candler**  
**Chief Executive**





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# **COUNCIL**

## **22 March 2021**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>INSTALLATION OF HONORARY FREEDOM TO COUNCILLOR TIM HADLAND</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Councillor Tim Hadland.

### **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom on the Councillor Tim Hadland, in recognition of his public service contribution to the people of the Northampton.
- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install Councillor Tim Hadland with the Council's Freedom.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Borough Council can by resolution pass by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, appoint to be an Honorary Freeman or Freewoman of the Borough, persons of distinction and persons who have , in the opinion of the Council , rendered eminent services to the Borough Council and people of Northampton.
- 3.1.2 Presentation of the Honorary Freedom is a single honour, accompanied by a special Council meeting and ceremony and the presentation of an engrossed

and illuminated scroll setting out the terms of the Council's resolution. The intention, if this report is approved is to confer the award at this Council meeting .The scroll can be accompanied by a decorated silver casket .

- 3.1.3 The Borough Council has in the past granted equivalent honours on a few occasions to organisations including three regimental 'marching freedoms' allowing ceremonial parades . The last such parade took place on the 19th. March, 2000 by the 118 Recovery Company REME of the Territorial Army Centre .
- 3.1.4 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Freedom must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.5 The honour is purely ceremonial. However, the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.6 Councillor Tim Hadland's first councillor role was when he was elected to the County Council in 1977 to represent St Crispin Division. In 1991 he was elected to NBC, and immediately appointed as opposition finance spokesman. During his time at NBC, Councillor Tim Hadland has represented Weston ward and more recently Old Duston ward.
- 3.1.7 Councillor Tim Hadland has served as NBC Council Leader, Deputy Leader, Mayor, and for the past 10 years has been Cabinet Member Regeneration & Planning. During four interesting years between 1995 and 1999, he was Conservative Group Leader, Group Chairman, Group Treasurer and Secretary, Chief Whip, and spokesman on all Portfolio areas, as a result of being the only Conservative member of NBC! This, perhaps uniquely for a Conservative, resulted in an in depth profile of him appearing in the Guardian newspaper. Despite being the only Conservative member, Councillor Tim Hadland always comments that the Labour Administration at that time were always considerate towards him.
- 3.1.8 Councillor Tim Hadland has served on Board of the Royal & Derngate Theatres for 20 years, from the initial creation of the Theatres Trust, and has served on all NBC committees apart from planning and audit. He is much admired for his long standing dedication to NBC and to the town, his great knowledge, and for his sharp wit.
- 3.1.9 It is proposed to install Councillor Tim Hadland with the Honorary Freedom at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those present will be required.

## **4 Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

## **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

## **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote of those present for any individual nomination.

## **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no direct equality implications

## **5 Background Papers**

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Email correspondence and meeting notes considering the nominations

**George Candler**  
**Chief Executive**



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# **COUNCIL**

## **22 March 2021**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>INSTALLATION OF HONORARY FREEDOM TO COUNCILLOR PHIL LARRATT</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Councillor Phil Larratt.

### **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom on the Councillor Phil Larratt, in recognition of his public service contribution to the people of the Northampton.
- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install Councillor Phil Larratt with the Council's Freedom.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Borough Council can by resolution pass by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, appoint to be an Honorary Freeman or Freewoman of the Borough, persons of distinction and persons who have , in the opinion of the Council , rendered eminent services to the Borough Council and people of Northampton.
- 3.1.2 Presentation of the Honorary Freedom is a single honour, accompanied by a special Council meeting and ceremony and the presentation of an engrossed

and illuminated scroll setting out the terms of the Council's resolution. The intention, if this report is approved is to confer the award at this Council meeting .The scroll can be accompanied by a decorated silver casket .

- 3.1.3 The Borough Council has in the past granted equivalent honours on a few occasions to organisations including three regimental 'marching freedoms' allowing ceremonial parades . The last such parade took place on the 19th. March, 2000 by the 118 Recovery Company REME of the Territorial Army Centre .
- 3.1.4 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Freedom must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.5 The honour is purely ceremonial. However, the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.6 Councillor Phil Larratt has served as both a Borough and County Councillor over a total of 34 years during the past 38 years, having represented St George's ward on the Council until 1995, and then from 1999 until the present representing East Hunsbury. His term as a County Councillor was spent representing Nene Valley division. During this time, he has held a number of key roles including having been Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition and Chairman of Northampton County Council.
- 3.1.7 During the past four and a half years Councillor Phil Larratt has been dedicated in his role as Deputy Leader of the Council, where he has not only taken on wide-ranging responsibilities, but has also been able to identify opportunities for improving life in the town and delivering them, such as reviewing and overhauling the Council owned street lighting across the borough, ensuring increased safety for those walking through parks and public spaces during the hours of darkness. Cllr Phil Larratt is a well respected member of the council, and known for his absolute focus on serving local residents both personally and by making council services the best they can be, with a deep love for the town in which he has lived his whole life.
- 3.1.8 It is proposed to install Councillor Phil Larratt with the Honorary Freedom at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those present will be required.

### **3 Implications (including financial implications)**

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#### **3.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

#### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.



### **4.3 Legal**

- 4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote of those present for any individual nomination.

### **4.4 Equality**

- 4.4.1 There are no direct equality implications

## **5 Background Papers**

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Email correspondence and meeting notes considering the nominations

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Chief Executive**



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# **COUNCIL**

## **22 March 2021**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>INSTALLATION OF HONORARY FREEDOM TO NORTHAMPTON SIKH COMMUNITY</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Northampton Sikh community.

### **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom on the Northampton Sikh community, in recognition of its contribution to the people of the Northampton.
- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install the Northampton Sikh community with the Council's Freedom.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Borough Council can by resolution pass by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, appoint to be an Honorary Freeman or Freewoman of the Borough, persons of distinction and persons who have , in the opinion of the Council , rendered eminent services to the Borough Council and people of Northampton.
- 3.1.2 Presentation of the Honorary Freedom is a single honour, accompanied by a special Council meeting and ceremony and the presentation of an engrossed

and illuminated scroll setting out the terms of the Council's resolution. The intention, if this report is approved is to confer the award at this Council meeting .The scroll can be accompanied by a decorated silver casket .

- 3.1.3 The Borough Council has in the past granted equivalent honours on a few occasions to organisations including three regimental 'marching freedoms' allowing ceremonial parades . The last such parade took place on the 19th. March, 2000 by the 118 Recovery Company REME of the Territorial Army Centre .
- 3.1.4 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Freedom must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.5 The honour is purely ceremonial. However, the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.6 The Northampton Sikh community has had a tremendous and positive impact on Northampton through their community outreach programme, their spiritual contribution, the contribution to the heritage, their youth work and their work to feed the hungry and look after the poor and needy.
- 3.1.7 The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted their contribution to the civic good of Northampton, and they richly deserve the receipt of the highest honour available to the Council, being the Freedom of the Borough of Northampton.
- 3.1.8 It is proposed to install the Northampton Sikh community with the Honorary Freedom at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those present will be required.

#### **4 Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

##### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

##### **4.3 Legal**

- 4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote of those present for any individual nomination.

##### **4.4 Equality**

- 4.4.1 There are no direct equality implications

## **5 Background Papers**

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Email correspondence and meeting notes considering the nominations

**George Candler**  
**Chief Executive**



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# **COUNCIL**

## **22 March 2021**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>INSTALLATION OF HONORARY FREEDOM TO NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Northampton General Hospital.

### **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Freedom on the Northampton General Hospital, in recognition of its outstanding service to the people of the Northampton.
- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install the Northampton General Hospital with the Council's Freedom.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Borough Council can by resolution pass by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, appoint to be an Honorary Freeman or Freewoman of the Borough, persons of distinction and persons who have , in the opinion of the Council , rendered eminent services to the Borough Council and people of Northampton.
- 3.1.2 Presentation of the Honorary Freedom is a single honour, accompanied by a special Council meeting and ceremony and the presentation of an engrossed



and illuminated scroll setting out the terms of the Council's resolution. The intention, if this report is approved is to confer the award at this Council meeting .The scroll can be accompanied by a decorated silver casket .

- 3.1.3 The Borough Council has in the past granted equivalent honours on a few occasions to organisations including three regimental 'marching freedoms' allowing ceremonial parades . The last such parade took place on the 19th. March, 2000 by the 118 Recovery Company REME of the Territorial Army Centre .
- 3.1.4 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Freedom must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.5 The honour is purely ceremonial. However, the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.6 Northampton General Hospital and the NHS locally have always been greatly valued by the town of Northampton, and there can be very few residents who have not experienced and benefitted from their care and highly professional medical assistance. So many of the Council will have experienced some of the most significant events of their lives through Northampton General Hospital such as family births, care at the end of a loved one's life, and care that has brought us back from the pain and anxiety of illness, to health.
- 3.1.7 The Covid-19 pandemic has given more clarity than ever over the dedication, compassion and expertise that Northampton is fortunate to have available to us through Northampton General Hospital. Therefore, in recognition of the continual service that Northampton General Hospital provides to the town, and particularly the extraordinary bravery and dedication shown by the NHS heroes during the past year, it is the Council's wish to bestow on Northampton General Hospital its highest honour, being the Freedom of the Borough of Northampton.
- 3.1.8 It is proposed to install the Northampton General Hospital with the Honorary Freedom at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those present will be required.

#### **4 Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

##### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

##### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote of those present for any individual nomination.

#### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no direct equality implications

### **5 Background Papers**

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Email correspondence and meeting notes considering the nominations

**George Candler  
Chief Executive**