

# EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

## Award of Honorary Freedom of the City of Lancaster To Councillor Abbott Bryning

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Report of Senior Manager – Democratic Services

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to consider awarding the Freedom of the City of Lancaster to Abbott Bryning, together with the suggested arrangements for the presentation of the award.

**This report is public**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHIEF OFFICER (GOVERNANCE)

- (1) That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the Freedom of the City of Lancaster on Councillor Abbott Bryning in recognition of his length of service and dedication to the Council.
- (2) That the Chief Officer (Governance) be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the award to be made at Annual Council on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### 1. Introduction

Councillor Bryning has been nominated to receive the Honorary Freedom of the City in recognition of his length of service and dedication to Lancaster City Council. He was first elected to the City Council in 1967 and has had 56 years continuous service, re-elected in 15 successive elections. Councillor Bryning is not seeking re-election in the forthcoming elections.

#### 2. Proposal Details

With the agreement of Council it is proposed that Councillor Bryning be awarded the Freedom of the City of Lancaster. Should agreement be given, Councillor Bryning would be invited to attend the Annual Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 when the award will be formally presented.

#### 3. Details of Consultation

Councillor Bryning has indicated that he would be delighted to accept this honour should it be bestowed upon him by the City and initial discussions with Members of the Council have indicated that there is Council support for this award.

#### 4. Conclusion

Councillor Bryning has given so much of his life to the Council therefore to bestow this honour on him seems appropriate.

#### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

None.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a principal Council of a district having the status of a City, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object, to admit to be Honorary Freemen of the City persons of distinction and persons who have in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the City.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should the ceremony be undertaken during the Annual Council meeting in May, 2023, the costs associated with the award could be met within existing budgets.

#### **OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Human Resources:**

None.

##### **Information Services:**

None.

##### **Property:**

Rooms within Lancaster Town Hall have already been booked for the Annual Council Meeting and luncheon in accordance with normal room booking procedures.

##### **Open Spaces:**

None.

##### **Health and Safety:**

None.

#### **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

#### **MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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