

Special Council

24 July 2011

Agenda Item 3

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Honorary Freedom of the City		
Date of Meeting:	24 July 2012		
Report of:	Strategic Director: Resources		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report asks Council to confer the honour and title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove on Mr Steve Ovett, OBE in recognition of his outstanding achievements as an athlete from the City competing at National, International and Olympic level.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Council admits Mr Steve Ovett, OBE to be an Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Steve Ovett was born in Brighton and had a successful athletics career representing local clubs before being picked for the national team, where he went on to represent the country at international and Olympic level. He has been regarded as one of the best middle distance runners to be produced by the country, culminating with winning gold at the 800 metres Olympic final in Moscow.
- 3.2 A statue of Steve Ovett is also due to be unveiled in the city as a mark of recognition of his achievements and his association with the city.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of Mr. Steve Ovett to Freeman of the City and were in agreement.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 09/07/12

Legal Implications:

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

Lawyer Consulted: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis

Date: 16/07/12

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are none arising directly from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are none arising directly from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are none arising directly from this report.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There are none arising directly from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 There are none arising directly from this report.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S)

- 6.1 The conferral of the honour of being made a Freeman of the city is for the council to determine.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 A proposal to consider the conferral of the status of Freeman of the City has to be considered by the Full Council at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices: *None*

Background Documents *None*