

Special Council

9 May 2013

Agenda Item 3

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Honorary Freedom of the City
Date of Meeting: 9 May 2013
Report of: Chief Executive
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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 Roger French, OBE in recognition of his outstanding achievements and services in the city.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Roger French has spent nearly 30 years at the wheel of Brighton and Hove Buses, and has had long and distinguished career which has included his tireless work in promoting the spirit of partnership in the city and his selfless work for charities, notably as chair for nine years of the trustees of the Martlets Hospice.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of Mr. Roger French 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: 21/04/13

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: 21/04/13

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*