

Special Council

12 December 2013

Agenda Item 3

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Honorary Freedom of the City
Date of Meeting: 12 December 2013
Report of: Chief Executive
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT 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 Dick Knight in recognition of his outstanding achievements and services in the city.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Council admits Mr Dick Knight to be an Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove.

3. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The proposal to confer the title of Honorary Freeman on Mr. Knight has been made in recognition of the role he played in securing the future of Brighton & Hove Albion, and using the power of sport to develop one of the country's leading club community schemes.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 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.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION:

- 5.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of Mr. Dick Knight to Freeman of the City and were in agreement.

6. CONCLUSION

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

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

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

Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis

Date: 29/11/13

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 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: 29/11/13

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 There are none arising directly from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are none arising directly from this report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 There are no other significant implications arising directly from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices: *None*

Background Documents *None*