

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall Portsmouth on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 2.00 pm

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Frank Jonas BEM (in the Chair)

Councillors

Rob Wood	George Madgwick
Dave Ashmore	Hugh Mason
Chris Attwell	Lee Mason
Kimberly Barrett	Kirsty Mellor
Simon Boshier	Terry Norton
Ryan Brent	Gemma New
Hannah Brent	Robert New
Stuart Brown	Scott Payter-Harris
Cal Corkery	Darren Sanders
Ben Dowling	Jeanette Smith
George Fielding	John Smith
Charlotte Gerada	Lynne Stagg
Lewis Gosling	Judith Smyth
Graham Heaney	Luke Stubbs
Ian Holder	Benedict Swann
Jo Hooper	Linda Symes
Suzy Horton	Claire Udy
Lee Hunt	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leo Madden	Daniel Wemyss

1. Declarations of Interest and Apologies

There were no declarations of interest from the members present.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Matthew Atkins, Councillor Tom Coles and Councillor Jason Fazackarley.

2. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The Lord Mayor advised that no deputation requests had been received for this extraordinary Full Council meeting.

3. Freedom of the City - Transfer of Honorary Grant To Reflect Subsumed Changes in Royal Naval Structure

It was Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

To transfer the Honorary Freedom of the City Grant to Reflect Subsumed Changes in Royal Naval Structure.

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The Lord Mayor advised that just a-simple majority was necessary in order for the proposal to be carried.

The Leader of the Labour Group Councillor Fielding and Leader of the Portsmouth People Progressive Group, Councillor Udy, also confirmed their support for the proposal.

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED that in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

Council Approved the transfer of the honorary grant of the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth originally having been bestowed onto Portsmouth Command of the Royal Navy on 10th November 1964 to Portsmouth Naval Base and Portsmouth Ships this being the successor command having subsumed Portsmouth Home Command within its changed structure over several decades.

That the Council wishes to continue to promote the essence of the original Freedom grant which was to 'pay tribute to the glorious traditions of the Royal Navy over many centuries of gallant and distinguished service to our Sovereign and country and to acknowledge the great part which the Royal Navy plays and has for so long played in the life and the development of the City and further wishing to strengthen and foster the close bonds which exist between the City and the Royal Navy'.

The meeting concluded at 2.11 pm.

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Lord Mayor