

## TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

14 OCTOBER 2013

#### PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Dylan Butt), in the Chair.

E.H. Malik	Mrs. P. Dixon	Mrs. J. Reilly
D. Acton	A. Duffield	B. Rigby
S. Anstee	Mrs. L. Evans	B. Sharp
Dr. K. Barclay	T. Fishwick	B. Shaw
Miss L. Blackburn	M. Freeman	E.W. Stennett
R. Bowker	J. Harding	N. Taylor
C. Boyes	C. Hynes	Mrs. V. Ward
B Brotherton	D. Jarman	A. Western
C. Candish	P. Lally	D. Western
M. Colledge	A. Mitchell	M. Whetton
M. Cordingley	P. Myers	Mrs. J. Wilkinson
M. Cornes	I. Platt	M. Young
J. Coupe	J.R. Reilly	Mrs. P. Young

#### Also Present

Honorary Freeman, 207 Field Hospital - Major Helen Ball and  
Staff Sergeant Matthew Spruce

#### In attendance

Chief Executive	Ms. T. Grant
Corporate Director Children and Young People's Service	Mrs. D. Brownlee
Corporate Director Economic Growth & Prosperity	Mrs. H. Jones
Corporate Director Environment Transport and Operations	Mr. P. Molyneux
Corporate Director Transformation and Resources	Mrs. W. Marston
Director of Finance	Mr. I. Duncan
Director of Human Resources	Ms. J. Hyde
Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Ms. J. Le Fevre
Democratic Services Manager	Mr. P. Forrester
Democratic Services Officer	Mr. I. Cockill

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Adshead, J. Baugh, J. Bennett, Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, J. Brophy, D. Bunting, R Chilton, Mrs. L. Cooke, P. Gratrix, D. Higgins, J. Holden, M. Hyman, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, D. O'Sullivan, K. Procter, D. Quayle, T. Ross, J. Smith, S. Taylor, L. Walsh, K. Weston and A. Williams.

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**47. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 249(5) - HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report requesting the Council to consider, in light of his outstanding achievements and contribution to the Borough, the appointment of Sir Alex Ferguson as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Trafford.

The report advised that the Freedom of the Borough was the highest honour that the Council could bestow on any citizen or body and that Section 249(5) stated that the Council may admit 'persons of distinction and persons who have in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the borough' as Honorary Freemen.

The Leaders of the Political groups on the Council were extremely pleased to support the Motion to confer the honour of Freedom of the Borough upon Sir Alex Ferguson and paid tribute to his outstanding achievements in sport and his exceptional contribution to the profile of Trafford through his remarkable career as Manager of Manchester United Football Club.

As time was at a premium, the Mayor called upon nominated representatives from each of the three Political groups to speak on the Motion. They each praised Sir Alex's achievements and proclaimed that the honour was richly deserved.

Having been moved, seconded and supported, the Motion was unanimously agreed by the Council and it was, therefore:-

RESOLVED: That the Council, wishing to give public recognition to persons of distinction and in pursuance of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, hereby confers Sir Alex Ferguson the honorary Freedom of the Borough in recognition of his outstanding achievements in sport and his exceptional contribution to the profile of Trafford through his remarkable career as Manager of Manchester United Football Club.

The Mayor invited Sir Alex Ferguson to sign the Roll of Freemen and presented him with a framed scroll to commemorate the occasion. Suitably, Sir Alex responded to the Council and expressed his gratitude for the honour bestowed upon him.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor thanked Sir Alex for his kind words and congratulated him on being admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

The meeting commenced at 11.15 a.m. and finished at 12.05 p.m.