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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

3 October 2013

Trafford Town Hall
Talbot Road
Stretford
M32 0TH

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trafford on **MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2013**, at **11.15 A.M.** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

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To consider a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.	1 - 2

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Grant".

THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

*Note: Due to the limited seating capacity of the Council Chamber, public admittance to the meeting is by **TICKET ONLY**.*

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council - Monday, 14 October 2013

Membership of the Council

Councillors D. Butt (Mayor), E.H. Malik (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, S. Anstee, Dr. K. Barclay, J. Baugh, J. Bennett, Miss L. Blackburn, R. Bowker, C. Boyes, Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, J. Brophy, B Brotherton, D. Bunting, C. Candish, R Chilton, M. Colledge, Mrs. L. Cooke, M. Cordingley, M. Cornes, J. Coupe, Mrs. P. Dixon, A. Duffield, Mrs. L. Evans, T. Fishwick, M. Freeman, P. Gratrix, J. Harding, D. Higgins, J. Holden, M. Hyman, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, P. Lally, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, A. Mitchell, P. Myers, D. O'Sullivan, I. Platt, K. Procter, D. Quayle, J.R. Reilly, Mrs. J. Reilly, B. Rigby, T. Ross, B. Sharp, B. Shaw, J. Smith, E.W. Stennett, N. Taylor, S. Taylor, L. Walsh, Mrs. V. Ward, A. Western, D. Western, K. Weston, M. Whetton, Mrs. J. Wilkinson, A. Williams, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

Further Information

For help, advice and information about this meeting please contact:

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This Summons was issued on **Thursday, 3 October 2013** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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Report to: Extraordinary Meeting of Council
Date: 14 October 2013
Report for: Decision
Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

Local Government Act 1972 Section 249(5) – Freedom of the Borough

Summary

The Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour that the Council can bestow on any citizen or body. Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 states 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.

In the light of his outstanding achievements and contribution to the Borough the Council is recommended to appoint Sir Alex Ferguson as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Trafford.

Recommendation(s)

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.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers:

None

1. Background

- 1.1 The Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour that the Council can bestow on any citizen or body. Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the Council to admit 'persons of distinction and persons who have in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the borough' as Honorary Freemen.
- 1.2 To recognise 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 it is proposed to grant the Freedom of the Borough to Sir Alex Ferguson.
- 1.3 Sir Alex Ferguson has contributed significantly to Trafford over a sustained period of time through his strong leadership of the Manchester United team. Football contributes significantly to the borough through the large number of visitors it attracts and jobs it creates. The success of the club has grown in strength over the years, becoming one of the world's most successful and renowned clubs and firmly placing Old Trafford on the sporting world map. It is felt appropriate to honour Sir Alex Ferguson with the highest honour that the Council can bestow in light of this.
- 1.4 As a further mark of the esteem in which it holds the achievements and contribution of Sir Alex Ferguson and to mark the occasion of the granting of this honour, the Council has also agreed to rename a local street after Sir Alex Ferguson. Therefore with effect from today, Waters Reach, a road located within the vicinity of the Old Trafford stadium, will be known by the name of 'Sir Alex Ferguson Way'.
- 1.5 Sir Alex Ferguson has indicated that the Freedom would be graciously received if the Council chose to honour it in this way.

Procedure

- 1.6 To confer the honour of Freedom of the Borough upon Sir Alex Ferguson, a resolution must be passed by two-thirds of the Councillors present at the meeting.