

# COUNCIL

Monday, 6 July 2015

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Les Rowlands) in the  
Chair  
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Pat Hackett)

Councillors	RL Abbey	JE Green	C Povall
	T Anderson	R Gregson	D Realey
	B Berry	J Hale	L Reecejones
	C Blakeley	P Hayes	L Rennie
	E Boulton	A Hodson	D Roberts
	A Brighthouse	K Hodson	J Salter
	P Brightmore	T Johnson	Tony Smith
	D Burgess-Joyce	AER Jones	C Spriggs
	C Carubia	C Jones	J Stapleton
	W Clements	B Kenny	M Sullivan
	M Daniel	AR McLachlan	A Sykes
	A Davies	M McLaughlin	J Walsh
	G Davies	C Meaden	G Watt
	P Davies	D Mitchell	S Whittingham
	WJ Davies	C Muspratt	J Williamson
	D Elderton	S Niblock	I Williams
	G Ellis	M Patrick	KJ Williams
	S Foulkes	T Pilgrim	S Williams
	P Gilchrist		

<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors	P Cleary	B Mooney
		J Crabtree	T Norbury
		P Doughty	W Smith
		L Fraser	P Williams
		A Leech	

## 13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matter to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

14 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor noted that apologies were received from Councillors Pat Cleary, Jim Crabtree, Paul Doughty, Leah Fraser, Anita Leech, Bernie Mooney, Tony Norbury, Walter Smith and Pat Williams.

The Mayor then announced that during his Mayoral year he would be abstaining on all votes throughout the year and that should be specifically noted on all future Council decisions; he would request that Members' speeches did not overrun the allocated time and that all Members acted in a respectful manner in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

15 **FREEDOM OF ENTRY CONSIDERATIONS**

The Council considered a recommendation from Cabinet (minute 7 refers), at its meeting on 4 June, 2015, to confer on both HMS Astute and the Wallasey Sea Cadets Unit (TS Astute) the Freedom of Entry to the Borough of Wirral in recognition of the close links between the Borough, the submarine and the training ship.

On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan, it was –

**Resolved (56:0) (One abstention) – That Cabinet minute 7 (4/6/15) be approved and consequently, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972:**

**(1) This Council, do confer upon**

**The Commanding Officer, Officers and men and women of Her Majesty's Ship Astute and of the Wallasey Sea Cadets Unit (TS Astute)**

**The Honour of Freedom of Entry to the Borough**

**in recognition of the outstanding achievements and distinguished services of Her Majesty's Ship Astute and the Wallasey Sea Cadets (TS Astute) and of the close bonds of friendship and mutual respect which have long existed between the Borough and the ships of the Royal Navy, and they thereby be granted the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough on all ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, colours flying, bands playing and drums beating.**

**(2) the Freedoms of Entry ceremony and parade be held on Sunday 20 September, 2015 at New Brighton followed by a Civic Reception at the Floral Pavilion.**