

**HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – DAVID ARMSTRONG**

The Director of Law and Governance submitted a report requesting that Members of the Committee recommend to Council that David Armstrong be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of this Borough at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held on 29 July 2024. The Civic and Electoral Services Manager reported that this was a significant step for the Council to take and the Award should only be made to someone of distinction who had made an exceptional contribution to the Borough. David Armstrong was considered to be within this category due to his eminent service to the Borough over 34 years during which he had been employed in a variety of roles including Acting Chief Executive and had consistently demonstrated dedication, commitment, flexibility and a willingness to do what was required. The Civic and Electoral Services Manager advised Members of the Committee that all Political Group Leaders had been consulted and supported the proposals.

**Resolved: That:**

- (1) in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of his dedicated service to the Borough, David Armstrong be admitted as Honorary Freeman of this Borough at an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on 29 July 2024; and**
- (2) the Director of Law and Corporate Services be requested to:**
  - (a) take all the necessary actions associated with (1) above; and**
  - (b) arrange for a small civic reception for David Armstrong, family members and invited guests on a mutually agreeable date following the extraordinary meeting of Council.**