

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 4.15 p.m.

Speakers Parlour, 1st Floor Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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Members:

Chair: Councillor Sabina Akhtar

Mayor John Biggs, Councillor Rajib Ahmed, Councillor Khales Uddin Ahmed, Councillor Abdul Asad, Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury, Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Shafiqul Haque, Councillor Denise Jones, Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE and Lesley Pavitt

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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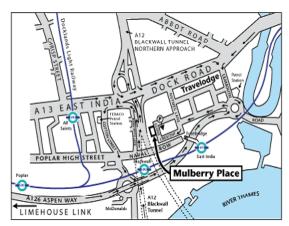
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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

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- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

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- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
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Further advice

For further advice please contact:-

Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance & Monitoring Officer 0207 364 4800

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either—
	(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
	(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH AD HOC PANEL

HELD AT 12.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2017

SPEAKER'S PARLOUR, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG

Members Present:

Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Chair)

Speaker of the Council

Mayor John Biggs Executive Mayor

Councillor Rajib Ahmed

Councillor Denise Jones

Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury

Councillor Peter Golds Leader of the Conservative Group

Councillor Shafiqul Haque

Services

Lesley Pavitt Co-opted Member – appointed at this

meeting.

Cabinet Member for Health & Adult

Officers Present:

Janet Fasan Divisional Director Legal

Matthew Mannion Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services,

Governance

Rushena Miah Committee Services Officer

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. It was noted that this was the first meeting of the Panel in six years.

Apologies were received from: Councillor Khales Uddin Ahmed, Councillor Abdul Asad and Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no unrestricted items.

3.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE, QUORUM, MEMBERSHIP AND DATES OF MEETINGS

Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, presented a report on the Terms of Reference for the Group. He asked the Panel to review and comment on the report.

RESOLVED

1. That the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings be noted.

3.2 CO-OPTING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH AD-HOC PANEL

Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, presented a report on the options available to the Panel for co-opting new Members.

Panel Members discussed the proposal to co-opt Lesley Pavitt onto the Freedom of the Borough Panel and indicated support for the proposal.

There was discussion on the eligibility criteria to join the Panel. The Panel highlighted the importance of maintaining a gender balance whilst considering co-opted members. They expressed concern that the Panel was already overwhelmingly male and advised that opportunities for co-option be targeted at women.

Panel Members were in agreement that representatives from the Voluntary Sector and Chamber of Commerce should be invited to join the Panel to provide a fresh perspective on the nominations process.

Other views were for the Panel to co-opt a representative from the Education Sector. It was suggested a head teacher should be approached to join the Panel.

Janet Fasan, Divisional Director Legal Services, reminded the Panel that coopting three more members would bring the total membership up to 13 members.

RESOLVED

- 1. Lesley Pavitt was formally co-opted onto the Freedom of the Borough Panel.
- 2. The Speaker's Office to seek representation from Tower Hamlets CVS, East London Chamber of Commerce and the Education Sector to encourage the nomination of female co-opted members onto the Freedom of the Borough Panel.

3. Nominations for Co-opted members would be presented to this Panel for decision.

3.3 DETERMINING A PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, presented a report on the options for determining the process for submitting a nomination. He asked Panel Members for direction.

It was suggested a small article be placed in the East End Life paper and on the Council website to inform the community that the Freedom of the Borough Award has been reinstated.

The Panel requested that the article clarified that the Award was aimed at individuals or groups who had made an exemplary contribution to the borough and was different to the Civic Awards.

The Panel agreed to a target of presenting the award to one man and one woman. The Panel also agreed that in order to retain the distinction of the award, the honour will be bestowed on individuals or groups once in a four year term.

It was clarified that this Panel would shortlist nominations and submit a preferred selection of nominees to full Council to vote on at an extraordinary meeting. The nominees would require two-thirds of the Council vote in favour in order to be awarded the honour.

In an effort to distinguish itself from the Civic Award, it was agreed that the process for nomination would consist of contacting the Speaker's Office directly. Panel Members agreed that the eligibility criteria should state that solely being a former Councillor was not sufficient to be put forward for nomination.

It was agreed that nominations would be open to any individual who had made a significant contribution to the borough, regardless of whether they reside in the borough.

It was confirmed the Democratic Services budget would be used to plan a small award ceremony at full Council.

RESOLVED

1. That a small article be placed in the December edition of the East End Life Newspaper and Council website to promote the launch of the Freedom of the Borough Award.

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- 2. The article to note that nominations were to be submitted via the Speaker's Office.
- 3. The eligibility criteria to state that being a former Councillor was not sufficient for nomination.
- 4. The deadline for nominations would be mid-January 2018. Nominations would be discussed at the February meeting of this Panel.

Meeting closed at 12.56

4. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 12.56 p.m.

Chair, Councilor Sabina Akhtar Freedom of the Borough Ad Hoc Panel

Agenda Item 4

Non-Executive Report of the:	Lana Caraca
Freedom of the Borough Panel	
7 March 2018	TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director,	Classification: Unrestriced

Appointment of Co-Optees to the Freedom of the Borough Panel

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager Rushena Miah, Committee Services Officer
Wards affected	All Wards

Executive Summary

Governance

The Freedom of the Borough Panel has been established by the Council to oversee the process of reviewing and forwarding to Council nominations for the Freedom of the Borough.

The Terms of Reference set out the Membership of the Panel but also allow the Panel to consider co-opting additional non-voting Members from outside the Council onto the Panel. At the November 2017 meeting of the Panel it was agreed that representatives from the education sector, voluntary sector and business sector should be sought and presented for co-option.

Recommendations:

The Freedom of the Borough Ad Hoc Panel is recommended to:

 Appoint Preeti Udas, Chair of the Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS), as a Co-opted Member of the Freedom of the Borough Panel.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Freedom of the Borough Panel Terms of Reference allow for the Cooption for additional Non-Voting Members. At the November meeting of the Panel, discussions took place seeking representation from the voluntary, education and business sectors to be co-opted onto the Panel. This was in order to provide a diversity of views in shortlisting the nominations.
- 1.2 Officers proceeded to approach relevant organisations and individuals and this report allows for a discussion by the Panel on whether they wish to proceed with co-opting additional Members onto the Panel.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 The Panel could decide to not co-opt additional Members onto the Panel.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Membership of the Panel as agreed by Council comprises of 'Members of the Council to include the Chair of Council, the Mayor, any former Civic Mayors or Chair of Council [Speaker] still serving as Councillors, and at least one representative of each political group on the Council'.
- 3.2 The Panel may also co-opt additional non-voting Members including other former civic Mayors or Chairs of Council no longer sitting as Councillors, or independent persons drawn from the business, community or public sectors.
- 3.3 In accordance with the above the Panel may consider co-opting additional Non-Voting Members to assist in its deliberations.
- 3.4 Co-opting additional Members onto the Panel can be a good way of broadening the reach and knowledge of the Panel and making sure relevant groups and communities are represented. Examples of the reasons why co-opting Members may be valuable include:
 - Ensuring a better gender or ethnic balance
 - Including representatives from the business sector
 - Co-opting past Speakers or Civic Mayors who are no longer Councillors
 - Including representatives from the voluntary and community sectors
- 3.5 The Panel are therefore asked to consider representatives present at the 7 March 2018 meeting for co-option.
- 3.6 Following the 1 November 2017 meeting of the Panel, officers approached a number of potential nominees for co-option. One of those approached expressed an interest in joining the Panel and their details are set out below. To date officers have been unsuccessful in obtaining co-optee nominations from either the education or business sectors. Further approaches to those sectors are continuing.
- 3.7 Preeti Udas, Chair of Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS), was approached to represent the voluntary sector. THCVS was approached because it is the infrastructure body that represents voluntary sector organisations in the borough. THCVS has collaborated with the Council on a number of initiatives; it is a member of the Tower Hamlets Together Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and works closely with the Policy Strategy and Performance Team on strategies such as the Third Sector Plan. THCVS was considered to be the best organisation to represent the voluntary sector. Preeti Udas has indicated that she would be happy to be co-opted onto the Panel and she is therefore recommended for consideration.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

4.1. Co-opted Members of the Panel would be entitled to the standard allowances for Co-opted Members as set out in the Members' Allowance Scheme in the Council's Constitution. These allowances would be funded out of the existing Members Allowances budget.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. The Council's ability to co-opt members derives from the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 establishes that members of committees appointed under the 1970 and 1972 Acts and who are not elected Councillors do not generally have voting rights. There are exceptions to this rule but which do not apply in this case.
- 5.2 The Terms of Reference to the Panel (see Part 3.3.9 of the Constitution) provides that the Panel may co-opt additional non-voting Members including other former Civic Mayors or Chairs/Speakers of Council, or independent persons drawn from the business, community or public sectors. The Panel therefore has the authority to adopt further non-voting Members.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. None specific to this report.

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

7.1 None specific to this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None specific to this report.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None specific to this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None specific to this report.

Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices

None

Background Documents

None

Agenda Item 5

Freedom of the Borough Panel

7 March 2018



Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer

Unrestricted

Freedom of the Borough Award Ceremony

Lead Officer	Asmat Hussain, Director of Law & Governance	
Contact Officers	Rushena Miah-Committee Officer, Matthew Mannion-	
	Head of Committee Services	
Executive Key Decision?	No	

Executive Summary

The Freedom of the Borough Panel agreed that the Freedom of the Borough would be awarded in 2018 and agreed the process and criteria for selection.

This report will detail the arrangements for an awards ceremony and reception.

Recommendations:

The Freedom of the Borough Panel is recommended to:

- 1. To note the report.
- 2. To make a decision on which date to hold the Freedom of the Borough Award Ceremony.
- 3. To agree on event arrangements or advise on alternative arrangements.
- 4. To note the estimated budget for the event.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 At the last meeting of the Freedom of the Borough Panel, it was agreed that an award ceremony should take place. It was agreed that a report would be prepared for discussion at the next meeting on the planning of the event itself. This report will therefore allow the panel to provide input into the planning of the Freedom of the Borough award ceremony.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Panel could decide on an alternative event procedure than the ones being proposed.
- 2.2 The Panel could decide to award the Freedom of the Borough without holding a reception event.

3. <u>DETAILS OF REPORT</u>

- 3.1 The process to award the Freedom of the Borough is as follows:
 - Nominations were sought and eleven nominations were received with one person being nominated seven times.
 - Nominations are to be considered by the Panel.
 - If the Panel considers a nomination to be of sufficient merit, the nomination will be forwarded to an extraordinary Council meeting for decision.
- 3.2 This report presents how the nominations will be determined by Council and the nature of the ceremony.

3.3 When to hold the event:

At the last meeting of the Panel, it was proposed that the award be presented at an Extraordinary Council meeting on the 23 May 2018 to take place directly before the AGM. This will allow the current Speaker to present the awards.

3.4.1 Option 1: The first option is to hold the Freedom of the Borough Award on the 23 May 2018 as previously suggested and invite the Freedom of the Borough recipients as guests to the Speakers reception. This is the recommended option due to convenience and shared event costs.

6.00pm-7.00pm Extraordinary Council meeting

(The Freedom of the Borough Award Ceremony will take place at this meeting)



7.00pm-8.30pm AGM

(FOB recipients may move to the reception room from this point onwards)



8.30pm-9.30pm Speakers Reception

- 3.4.2 The following should however be noted:
 - The start time of the Extraordinary Meeting will need to be 6:00pm to allow time to complete all Council business before 9pm to allow time for the reception after the AGM.
 - Combining the reception with the annual Speaker's reception will limit the number of guests who are able to attend (due to space limitations at the Town Hall).
- 3.4.3 Option 2: Alternatively, Members could award the Freedom of the Borough at an Extraordinary Council meeting prior to the Ordinary July 2018 Council meeting and host a small reception afterwards. The Ordinary Council meeting would have to be shortened, with full agreement of the Party Groups to accommodate the award ceremony and reception.
- 3.4.4 In relation to this option it is worth noting:
 - As the event is separate to the Speaker's reception it would have a better focus and more guests could be invited.
 - The additional cost of providing a second evening (with the Speaker's event happening at the AGM)
 - The Ordinary Council meeting would have to be shortened (likely to exclude Member Questions and Motions) to ensure there was time to have a reception event.
 - The likelihood there will be a new Speaker

3.5 **Award Ceremony Procedure:**

If option one is chosen, the award ceremony will take place at the Extraordinary Council meeting before the start of the formal Council AGM and will be chaired by the Speaker.

- 3.5.1 It is proposed that the Speaker introduces the item and the first nominee.
- 3.5.2 A vote will take place to determine if the nominee has been successful.

- 3.5.3 The first winner will be awarded with a scroll and flowers. The winner will be photographed accepting the award. They will be given up to 5 minutes to give a speech if they wish.
- 3.5.4 The Speaker will then introduce the second nominee and a vote will take place to determine if the nominee has been successful.
- 3.5.5 The second winner will be awarded with a scroll and flowers. The winner will be photographed accepting the award. They will have up to 5 minutes to give a speech if they wish.
- 3.6 The Speaker will close the meeting and invite Members and guests to the Speaker's reception to celebrate the newly appointed Speaker and those awarded with the Freedom of the Borough.
- 3.7 **Timing:** the Freedom of the Borough item is scheduled to last approximately **35 minutes** as shown in the next table. Panel Members should consider whether the amount of time indicated is sufficient or whether further segments should be included such as the opportunity for Members to comment on the nominations.

3.8 **Running Order**

Order	Time
Speaker introduces the Freedom of Borough item	5 minutes
Speaker introduces the first nominee	5 minutes
A vote takes place	5 minutes
The winner is photographed accepting the award and makes	5 minutes
a speech	
Speaker introduces the second nominee	5 minutes
A vote takes place	5 minutes
Winner is photographed accepting the award and makes a	5 minutes
speech	
Total Time	35 minutes
Speaker will close the meeting and invite Members and Guests to the Speakers reception scheduled for later that evening.	Unknown

3.9 Proposed budget for the award ceremony

Item	Estimated Cost (£)
Inscribed award scroll (2-8 week	Scroll- 200 plus VAT
turn around, scroll takes 2 weeks to	Leather holder 350 plus VAT
print and leather binding takes 8	Total per scroll = 660
weeks to prepare). Costs are	X 2 = 1320
based on best value in line with the	
Council's purchasing policy.	
Flowers x 2	60
Costs towards apportion of the	300 - hot food buffet, dessert, fruit,
Speakers reception refreshments	drinks
costs for up to 30 people (10 guests	
per nominee plus panel).	
Total	£1680

3.10 Post event

A representative from the Communications team will be invited to the Award Ceremony to ensure the event can be publicised appropriately.

4. <u>COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER</u>

Section 249(4A) of the 1972 Act empowers the Council to 'spend such reasonable sum as they think fit for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address to a person upon whom they have conferred the title of honorary alderman or admitted to be an honorary freeman of the [borough].'

4.2 Traditionally the Council has presented a sealed and illuminated certificate of the grant of the Honorary Freedom, incorporating a copy of the formal

- resolution and contained in a suitable casket; and has in all previous cases held a reception in honour of the recipient(s).
- 4.3 The total cost of the presentation and reception is estimated to be in the region of £5,000-£6,000 and will be funded from the existing Democratic Services budget.

5. **LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1. Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 permits the Council to admit persons to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of Tower Hamlets. The only requirements for persons so admitted is that they be persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to Tower Hamlets.
- 5.2. The decision to admit must be by resolution of the Council at a specially convened meeting for that purpose and must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at that meeting.
- 5.3. As there is no specific guidance for admitting Honorary Freeman and Freewomen, the Council can set up its own process for inviting nominations and for their consideration prior to the matter going to an Extraordinary Council meeting to consider resolutions to admit. Council has established a Freedom of the Borough Panel to consider proposals that may be made in due course relating to the granting of the Freedom of the Borough, including any nominations for that award, and to make recommendations. This Panel can therefore determine the process for inviting nominations and for their consideration.
- 5.4. In consideration this Report and its recommendations, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). There is some information in the report relevant to these considerations in paragraph 6 below.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. It is important that the award of the Freedom of the Borough should reflect the exceptional contribution of the resident(s) to the benefit of all sections of the community within the Borough.

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

7.1 None specific to this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None specific to this report.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None specific to this report.

10. <u>EFFICIENCY STATEMENT</u>

10.1 None specific to this report.

Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices

• Appendix 1: Scroll supplier information.

Background Documents

• None.



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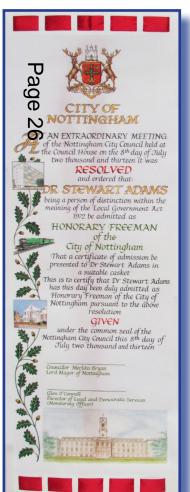


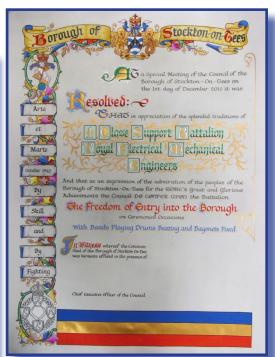


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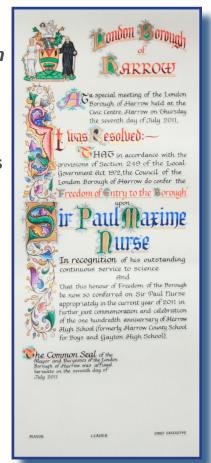
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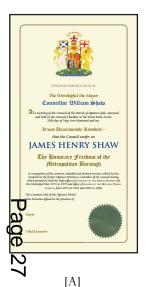
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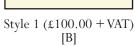
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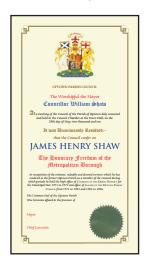
Choose from a variety of standard design templates (based on traditional hand-drawn artwork) at www.shaws.co.uk/freedom-scrolls.

Significant modifications from the templates shown may be subject to a modest additional artwork charge.





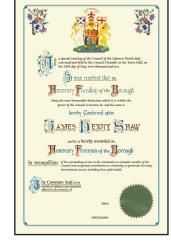




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Style 2 (£150.00 + VAT)

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BESPOKE COMPUTER GENERATED SCROLLS AND CERTIFICATES

We have also created bespoke computer generated certificates for customers for the following purposes:

- Twinning agreements.
- Retirement certificates.
- Membership warrants and certificates.

We can supply examples of previous work on request.





UPGRADE OPTIONS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE SCROLL

LEATHER BACKING AND PRESENTATION CASKETS

For further examples go to www.shaws.co.uk/presentation-caskets

Note: All prices quoted are additional to the cost of the scroll. Certain presentation options may add to the lead time as can only be completed after the scroll has been produced



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Leather backing of scroll Choice of leather backing colour £220.00 + VAT

LEAD TIME: 2 WEEKS AFTER SCROLL COMPLETION



Portfolio style scrolls bound in leather case
Choice of leather backing colour
LEAD TIME: 2 WEEKS AFTER SCROLL COMPLETION



Silver and perspex scroll holder casket
POA
LEAD TIME: 8 WEEKS





Leather scroll tube casket Choice of leather colour £350.00 + VAT LEAD TIME: 2 WEEKS

Other caskets also available.



Silver scroll holder casket
POA
LEAD TIME: 8 WEEKS

UPGRADE OPTIONS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE SCROLL

FRAMING FOR SCROLLS

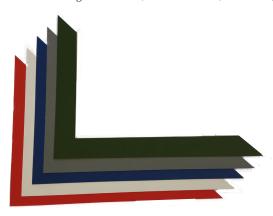
Note: All prices quoted are additional to the cost of the scroll. All framing options for hand-illuminated scrolls will add to the lead time; frames are made to order hence can only be produced after the scroll has been completed



e offer a choice of 7 popular frame styles to complete your scroll. From left to right: 0146 ("Hogarth" black/gold), 1182 black/gold, 0608 gold, 1009 red/gold, 1008 green/gold, PH06 black, PH07 brown.

Available mount colours

We offer a choice of 5 mount colours to compliment your hand-illuminated scroll. From left to right: 851 Red, 973 Off white, 843 Blue, 828 Grey, 832 Green



Framing for Hand-illuminated Scrolls Price List

Prices below are based on a hand-illuminated scroll with a 17 x 10" sight size. Mounts will extend sight size by 11/2" on all sides so the finished size would be 20" x 13" plus frame width. The lead time for hand-illuminated scrolls will be up to 2 weeks after scroll is completed.

Frame code	Frame moulding description	with single mount	with double mount	with triple mount
0146	"Hogarth". 15mm frame width. Black/gold.	£54.00	£63.00	£72.00
0608	22mm frame width. Gold.	£54.00	£63.00	£72.00
1182	25mm frame width. Black/gold.	£72.00	£81.00	£90.00
1008	30mm frame width. Green/gold.	£90.00	£99.00	£108.00
1009	30mm frame width. Red/gold.	£90.00	£99.00	£108.00
PH06	Plain modern finish. 20mm frame width. Black.	£66.00	£75.00	£84.00
PH07	Plain modern finish. 20mm frame width. Brown.	£66.00	£75.00	£84.00

Framing for Computer Generated Scrolls Price List

Prices below are for our A3 frames. These are available for immediate dispatch from stock and are supplied to fit orders of only our computer generated scrolls, size A3, with no mount.

For orders of computer generated scrolls which require mounting options, the prices on the above chart, and a lead time of up to 2 weeks after completion of the scroll, apply.

Frame code	Frame moulding description	Price (no mount)
0146	"Hogarth". 15mm frame width. Black/gold.	£30.00
0608	22mm frame width. Gold.	£30.00
1182	25mm frame width. Black/gold.	£49.50
1008	30mm frame width. Green/gold.	£60.00
1009	30mm frame width. Red/gold.	£60.00
PH06	Plain modern finish. 20mm frame width. Black.	£46.50
PH07	Plain modern finish. 20mm frame width. Brown.	£46.50

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Agenda Item 6

Non-Executive Report of the:

Freedom of the Borough Panel

7 March 2018

Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance



Classification: Part Exempt

Nominations for the Freedom of the Borough

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager	
	Rushena Miah, Committee Services Officer	
Wards affected	All Wards	

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

The appendices to this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information relating to any individual as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. There is a public interest favouring public access to local authority meetings reflected in the provisions of Part VA of the 1972 Act. However, in this case, the report contains personal data and is concerned the nomination process for the Freedom of the Borough. There is a public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of this information to maintain the integrity of the process. On balance having regard to the rights of the individuals concerned, it is appropriate at this stage of the process that the specific nominations are considered in private.

Summary

The Council is empowered by section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to admit as Honorary Freemen or Honorary Freewomen of the borough 'persons of distinction and persons who have in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the borough'.

The Freedom of the Borough Panel met on 1 November 2017 and agreed to seek nominations for the Freedom of the Borough Award. Officers therefore proceeded to undertake a nomination exercise.

The closing date to receive nominations was 31 January 2018. By that date 11 nominations had been received for consideration. The nomination forms are attached to this report as (exempt) appendices.

It is for the Panel to now review the nominations and make recommendations (if any) to Council on whether to award the Freedom of the Borough to any of the nominated individuals.

Recommendations:

The Freedom of the Borough Panel is recommended to:

 Review the nominations received and consider whether any should be put forward to an Extraordinary meeting of Council for consideration for the Freedom of the Borough.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 This report is presented following the previous meeting's request that a nomination exercise be undertaken to allow for the consideration of potential candidates for the Freedom of the Borough.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 The Panel may choose to put forward any of the listed candidates for consideration by Council. Alternatively the Panel can choose not to proceed with any of the nominations.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.2 It is for the Council to determine which individuals may be deserving of the Freedom of the Borough. Beyond stipulating that they must be persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to Tower Hamlets, the 1972 Act does not provide guidance on this matter and the Council has not previously adopted formal criteria for the award. It should be noted that organisations as well as people can be nominated for the award, for simplicity documents relating to the Panel refer to awards being given to individuals but this should in all cases read 'or organisations'.
- 3.3 However, as the Freedom of the Borough is awarded relatively rarely it should be reserved only for the most exceptional persons, it is suggested that the overriding principle should be merit and that the award should recognise exceptional achievement or service by an individual that has, for example:
 - Demonstrated exceptional achievements or service to the community.
 - Made a real difference in their field of work or their community.
 - Brought distinction to the borough or enhanced its reputation.
 - Exemplified sustained and selfless voluntary service.
 - Demonstrated innovation or entrepreneurship which has delivered benefits to the Borough.
 - Carried the respect of and inspired his/her peers.
 - Significantly improved the lot of those who have suffered disadvantage.
 - Promoted community cohesion
 - Contributed to the borough beyond the call of duty in a way that stands out above others.

- 3.4 The award should not be made solely because a person has performed well in their job or reached a particular level, but rather in recognition of efforts that have gone beyond the call of duty, or achievement that stands head and shoulders above others.
- 3.5 The application form includes space for the person nominating them to set out why they think the candidate should receive the award.
- 3.6 The resolution to award the Freedom will contain the particular grounds on which the Council have come to their decision and details of the public services rendered by the recipient.
- 3.7 The Freedom of the Borough should only be awarded in rare cases to the most exceptional individuals. Whilst it is not proposed to institute a formal limit it is suggested that the Panel would not normally forward more than one/two nominations each year to Council for consideration.
- 3.8 If, having reviewed the nominations, the Panel feels there are some nominees who deserve recognition but are not to be put forward for the Freedom of the Borough then it could be considered as to whether they should be put forward for a Civic Award instead.
- 3.9 The Panel are reminded that nominations require a two-thirds vote in favour at the Extraordinary Council meeting where they will be considered. It is important to ensure that there is general support for any proposed nominations as controversy or debate on the merits of the award at the Extraordinary Council Meeting would be highly embarrassing to the proposed recipient(s).

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 Section 249(4A) of the 1972 Act empowers the Council to 'spend such reasonable sum as they think fit for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address to a person upon whom they have conferred the title of honorary alderman or admitted to be an honorary freeman of the [borough].'
- 4.2 Traditionally the Council has presented a sealed and illuminated certificate of the grant of the Honorary Freedom, incorporating a copy of the formal resolution and contained in a suitable casket; and has in all previous cases held a reception in honour of the recipient(s).
- 4.3 The total cost of the presentation and reception is estimated to be in the region of £5,000-£6,000 and will be funded from the existing Democratic Services budget.

5. <u>LEGAL COMMENTS</u>

5.1 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 permits the Council to admit persons to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of Tower

Hamlets. The only requirements for persons so admitted is that they be persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to Tower Hamlets.

- 5.2 The decision to admit must be by resolution of the Council at a specially convened meeting for that purpose and must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at that meeting.
- 5.3 As there is no specific guidance for admitting Honorary Freeman and Freewomen, the Council can set up its own process for inviting nominations and for their consideration prior to the matter going to an Extraordinary Council meeting to consider resolutions to admit. Council has established a Freedom of the Borough Ad Hoc Panel to consider proposals that may be made in due course relating to the granting of the Freedom of the Borough, including any nominations for that award, and to make recommendations. This Panel can therefore determine the process for inviting nominations and for their consideration.
- In consideration this Report and its recommendations, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). There is some information in the report relevant to these considerations in paragraph 6 below.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 It is important that the award of the Freedom of the Borough should reflect the exceptional contribution of the resident(s) to the benefit of all sections of the community within the Borough.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None specific to this report.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 None specific to this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None specific to this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None specific to this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

• Reports to the Freedom of the Borough Panel on 1 November 2017.

Appendices

• 11 Nominations as received (exempt).

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report
List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

None.

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A



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By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



