Oldham Borough Council



Council Meeting Wednesday 7 September 2016

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTRE, OLDHAM

Tuesday, 30 August 2016

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 6.05 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

7 Section 249(5) Local Government Act 1972 Nominations for the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough (Pages 1 - 4)

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS NO AMENDMENT

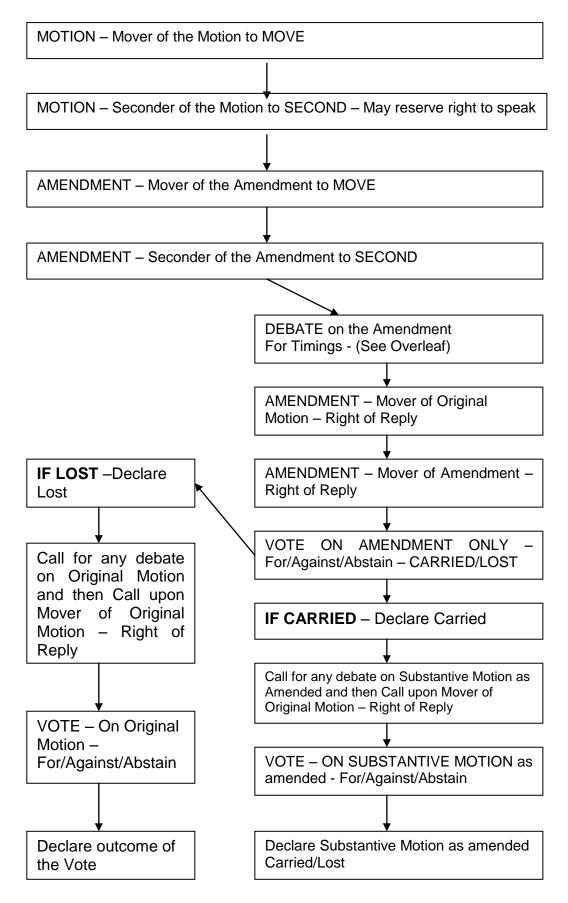
MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE
MOTION – Seconder of the Motion to SECOND – May reserve right to speak
DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings
MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply
VOTE – For/Against/Abstain
Declare outcome of the VOTE

RULE ON TIMINGS

(a) No Member shall speak longer than four minutes on any **Motion** or **Amendment**, or by way of question, observation or reply, unless by consent of the Members of the Council present, he/she is allowed an extension, in which case only one extension of 30 seconds shall be allowed.

(b) A Member replying to more than question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

WITH AMENDMENT



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Report to COUNCIL

Notifications for the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Stretton, Leader of the Council

Officer Contact: Carolyn Wilkins OBE, Chief Executive

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07 September 2016

Reason for Decision

The purpose of the report is to seek approval, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to nomination to receive the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough, in recognition of a person who has, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough of Oldham.

Executive Summary

The Council can approve nominations for persons to receive the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough. This title is conferred upon persons 'who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough of Oldham' (Section 249(5), Local Government Act 1972).

Council is therefore recommended that Nicola White is to be nominated to receive the title.

Recommendations

Council is asked to:

• Agree to the recommendation that Nicola White is to be nominated as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough

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Notification for the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough

1 Background

- 1.1 It is proposed that Nicola White is to be nominated as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.
- 1.2 Nicola White was an ambassador for the borough at this year's Olympic Games in Rio. Nicola played a pivotal role in Team GB's women's Hockey Team and helped the team secure a Gold medal. The team were outstanding – but it was particularly fantastic for so many local people to be able to cheer Nicola on as 'one of our own'. Putting Nicola's achievement into context, it is 108 years, we believe, since this borough last had an Olympic Gold medalist and that deserves to be recognised. Nicola proved and still does prove to be a truly inspiring role model for our borough and its people. For this reason, it is recommended that Nicola is awarded as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.
- 1.3 The Council can approve nominations for persons to receive the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough. This title is conferred upon persons 'who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough of Oldham' (Section 249(5), Local Government Act 1972).
- 1.4 Such conferment must be agreed by the Council by resolution passed by no less than two thirds of the members present at a meeting specially convened for that purpose with notice of the purpose being set out in the summons for the meeting.

2 **Consultation**

2.1 Consultation was under taken by the Leader of the Council with the Chief Executive and Group Leaders.

3 **Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no financial implications for awarding Nicola White as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

Anne Ryans – Director of Finance

4 Legal Services Comments

4.1 N/A

5 **Co-operative Agenda**

5.1 Awarding Nicola White as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough and recognising her achievement is entirely in line with the Cooperative agenda.

Jackie Wilson – Head of Strategy, Partnerships and Policy.

6	Human Resources Comments
6.1	N/A
6.2	Risk Assessments
6.3	N/A
7	IT Implications
7.1	N/A
8	Property Implications
8.1	N/A
9	Procurement Implications
9.1	N/A
10	Environmental and Health & Safety Implications
10.1	N/A
11	Equality, community cohesion and crime implications
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