

Agenda

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Special Meeting of Council to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City

Date: **Wednesday 17 July 2019**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Assembly Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Council

Membership

Lord Mayor **Councillor Craig Simmons**

Deputy Lord Mayor **Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan**

Sheriff **Councillor Stephen Goddard**

Members	Councillor Lubna Arshad	Councillor Dan Iley-Williamson
	Councillor Jamila Begum Azad	Councillor Pat Kennedy
	Councillor Shaista Aziz	Councillor Tom Landell Mills
	Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers	Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan
	Councillor Susan Brown	Councillor Mark Lygo
	Councillor Nigel Chapman	Councillor Sajjad Malik
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Councillor Dr Joe McManners
	Councillor Colin Cook	Councillor Chewe Munkonge
	Councillor Tiago Corais	Councillor Susanna Pressel
	Councillor Steven Curran	Councillor Mike Rowley
	Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini	Councillor Martyn Rush
	Councillor Alex Donnelly	Councillor Christine Simm
	Councillor James Fry	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Andrew Gant	Councillor Roz Smith
	Councillor Stef Garden	Councillor John Tanner
	Councillor Michael Gotch	Councillor Richard Tarver
	Councillor Mick Haines	Councillor Sian Taylor
	Councillor Paul Harris	Councillor Marie Tidball
	Councillor Tom Hayes	Councillor Ed Turner
	Councillor David Henwood	Councillor Louise Upton
Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Councillor Elizabeth Wade	
Councillor Richard Howlett	Councillor Dick Wolff	
Councillor Rae Humberstone		

The quorum for this meeting is 12 members

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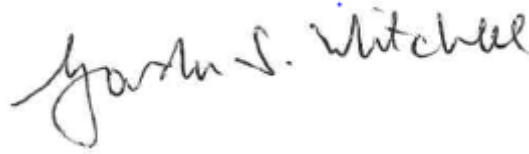
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Summons

A meeting of the City Council will be held in the Assembly Room - Oxford Town Hall, on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 6.00 pm to transact the business set out below.



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PART 1 - PUBLIC BUSINESS

At the meeting of Council on 1 October 2018, Council agreed to award the Freedom of the City to Benny Wenda in recognition of his contributions as a campaigner for peaceful democracy and to the wider life of the city.

This motion must now be enacted by a further vote at this special meeting.

The Local Government Act 1972 Section 249 (5) (as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009) enabled the councils of cities to confer the status of honorary freeman on "(a) persons of distinction and (b) persons who have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the local area".

The Freedom of the City confers the right to attend formal Council meetings.

Council can grant the Freedom of the City by passing a resolution:

- (a) at a meeting which is specially convened for the purpose and where notice of the objective of the meeting has been given; and
- (b) by not less than two-thirds of the members who vote on it.

1 Welcome by the Lord Mayor

2 Apologies for absence

3 Declarations of interest

4 Proposal of Motion

The Lord Mayor will move, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the motion below.

Motion: that Council resolves to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Benny Wenda.

5 Second and Support of Motion

The Lord Mayor will call for a seconder for the Motion.

The seconder, and other councillors who indicate, may speak.

6 Council to Vote on Motion

The Council will vote on the Motion and, provided at least two thirds of the members voting on it are in favour, the Lord Mayor will declare this Motion carried.

7 Speeches

Following the vote those guests previously invited to speak will take the floor.

8 Presentation of Scroll and closing speech

The Lord Mayor will present the scroll recording the conferment of the Honorary Freedom of the City to Benny Wenda.

Following the presentation, Benny Wenda will address Council.

The Lord Mayor will then close the meeting and invite guests and councillors to mingle and enjoy refreshments.

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.