

Agenda

Council

Special Meeting: Freedom of the City


Summons

A Special meeting of the City Council will be held to transact the business set out below on

Date: **Monday 30 January 2023**

Time: **4.30 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber - Oxford Town Hall**



Proper Officer

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Membership of Council

Councillors: Membership 48: Quorum 12.

Lord Mayor Councillor James Fry

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Mark Lygo

Sheriff Councillor Mike Rowley

Members	Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan	Councillor Dr Amar Latif
	Councillor Lubna Arshad	Councillor Sajjad Malik
	Councillor Shaista Aziz	Councillor Katherine Miles
	Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers	Councillor Alistair Morris
	Councillor Susan Brown	Councillor Lois Muddiman
	Councillor Nigel Chapman	Councillor Edward Mundy
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Councillor Chewe Munkonge
	Councillor Tiago Corais	Councillor Jabu Nala-Hartley
	Councillor Barbara Coyne	Councillor Lucy Pegg
	Councillor Lizzy Diggins	Councillor Susanna Pressel
	Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini	Councillor Anna Railton
	Councillor Paula Dunne	Councillor Rosie Rawle
	Councillor Laurence Fouweather	Councillor Ajaz Rehman
	Councillor Andrew Gant	Councillor Jo Sandelson
	Councillor Stephen Goddard	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Duncan Hall	Councillor Roz Smith
	Councillor Tom Hayes	Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton
	Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Councillor Imogen Thomas
	Councillor Rae Humberstone	Councillor Ed Turner
	Councillor Jemima Hunt	Councillor Louise Upton
	Councillor Chris Jarvis	Councillor Naomi Waite
	Councillor Emily Kerr	Councillor Diko Walcott
	Councillor Tom Landell Mills	

Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

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The business to be transacted is set out below

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PART 1 - PUBLIC BUSINESS

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

Cllr Susan Brown 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 Frances O'Grady.

5 Second and Support of Motion

Cllr Chris Jarvis will second 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 Proposal of Motion

Cllr Louise Upton 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 Oxford Biomedical Research Centre.

8 Second and Support of Motion

Cllr Christopher Smowton will second the motion.

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

9 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.

10 Closing Speeches

Written statements submitted by Frances O'Grady and Oxford Biomedical Research Centre will be read out on their behalf.

Information for those attending

Recording and reporting on meetings held in public

Members of public and press can record, or report in other ways, the parts of the meeting open to the public. You are not required to indicate in advance but it helps if you notify the Committee and Member Services Officer prior to the meeting so that they can inform the Chair and direct you to the best place to record.

The Council asks Councillors and members of the press and public recording the meeting:

- To follow the protocol which can be found on the Council's [website](#)
- Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule or show a lack of respect towards those being recorded.
- To avoid recording members of the public present, even inadvertently, unless they are addressing the meeting.

Please be aware that you may be recorded during your speech and any follow-up. If you are attending please be aware that recordings may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any activities that in his or her opinion are disruptive.

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". 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.

Members Code – Other Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing** of one of your Other Registrable Interests*** then you must declare an

interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members Code – Non Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which ***directly relates*** to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests, then you must declare the interest.

You must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room, if you answer in the affirmative to this test:

“Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.”

Otherwise, you may stay in the room, take part in the discussion and vote.

*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.

** Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person’s quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

*** Other Registrable Interests: a) any unpaid directorships b) any Body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority c) any Body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.