

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY
SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

3.00PM 19 MAY 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

AGENDA



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Council Meeting

Title:	Special Council
Date:	19 May 2011
Time:	3.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	All Councillors You are summoned to attend a meeting of the BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL to transact the under-mentioned business.
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Contact:	Mark Wall Head of Democratic Services 01273 291006 mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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Part One

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest by all Members present of any personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as personal and/or prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

2. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**3. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY****1 - 2**

To consider that, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972,

- (i) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi be admitted as an Honorary Freewoman of the City of Brighton and Hove and enrolled on the Freeman's Roll in recognition and appreciation of her exceptional endeavours to bring democracy to Burma and ensure freedom for all.
- (ii) Mr. Marc Heal (DFC) be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove and enrolled on the Freeman's Roll in recognition and appreciation of his exceptional services to his country.

Report of the Director of Strategy & Governance (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Mark Wall
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-1006

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For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Mark Wall, (01273 291006, email mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or email democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL

19 May 2011

Agenda Item 3

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Honorary Freedom of the City
Date of Meeting: 19 May 2011
Report of: Strategic Director: Resources
Contact Officer: Name: Mark Wall Tel: 29-1006
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report asks Council to confer the honour and title of (a) Honorary Freewoman of the City of Brighton and Hove on Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her continued efforts to support the people of Burma and (b) Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove on Mr Marc Heal, DFC in recognition of his outstanding service to his country in Afghanistan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Council admits Aung San Suu Kyi to be an Honorary Freewoman of the City of Brighton and Hove;
- 2.2 That the Council admits Mr. Marc Heal, DFC to be an Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Aung San Suu Kyi is Burma's pro-democracy leader and a Nobel Peace Prize winner. She is the guest director of this year's Brighton Festival and studied at Sussex University. She has been a human rights advocate for the people of Burma and is unable to leave her country of birth because of the political climate. However, for a city renowned for creativity, innovation and celebrating diversity her contributions to highlighting the plight of the Burmese people meet the values of the city and can be recognised by everyone.
- 3.2 Flight Lieutenant Marc Heal who comes from Brighton is the Captain of the Chinook helicopter Immediate Response Team, and during their term of service in Afghanistan, led his crew in successfully extracting 29 casualties from the battlefield. He was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross in 2010, which is one of the highest awards that can be given. Through his connections with the city and his achievements he helped set an example of gallantry and professionalism.

- 3.3 The proposals to honour both Aung San Suu Kyi and Flight Lieutenant Heal are in recognition of contributions made by them in risking their own lives to promote democracy, human rights and to protect the right of freedom for all.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of Aung San Suu Kyi and Mr. Marc Heal to respectively be a Freewoman and Freeman of the City and were in agreement.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 07/05/11

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to admit to be honorary freemen of the City persons of distinction or persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered imminent services to the City. The award of the title of Honorary Freeman has to be done by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose.

Lawyer Consulted: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorgis

Date: 07/05/11

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are none arising directly from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are none arising directly from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are none arising directly from this report.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There are none arising directly from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 There are none arising directly from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices: *None*

Background Documents *None*