Subject: Freedom of the City: Extract from the proceedings of

the Council Meeting held on the 14 December, 2017

Date of Meeting: 1 February 2018

Report of: Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: All

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Action Required of the Council

To receive the item referred from the Council for consideration.

Recommendations: That the Notice of Motion is noted and the proposal to remove the honour of the Freedom of the City from Aung San Suu Kyi be considered by the full Council at a Special Meeting.

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BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

4.30pm 14 DECEMBER 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Marsh (Chair), Simson (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Robins, Russell-Moyle, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls, West and Yates.

PART ONE

59 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- (3) Remove Freedom of the City from Aung San Suu Kyi.
- 59.6 The Mayor noted that there was no provision in the constitution to address the removal of such an honour and therefore it was necessary to refer to the legislation for conferring the freedom of city, which required a special meeting to be held and for the motion to be carried by two-thirds of the votes cast. As such if the motion was passed, she was minded to call a Special meeting to be held on the 1st February 2018 prior to the next Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for that day.
- 59.7 The joint Notice of Motion as listed in the agenda was proposed by Councillor Morgan on behalf of the Labour & Co-operative and Green Groups and seconded by Councillor West.
- 59.8 The Mayor then put the following motion to the vote:
 - "This council resolves, in the light of continuing lack of protection of the human rights of the Rohingya people in Myanmar, many of whom are now refugees in Bangladesh, to hold a Special Council meeting to consider the removal at the earliest opportunity of the Freedom of the City granted to Aung San Suu Kyi in 2011."
- 59.9 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been carried unanimously.