

Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



Extraordinary Full Council

Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2022

Time: 12.45 pm

Venue: The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green,
Bristol, BS1 5TR

To: All Members of Council

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Date: Friday, 2 December 2022



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

4. Freedom of the City - Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering, Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans

Recommendation

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To confer the honour of Freedom of the City of Bristol to Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering and posthumously to Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans

Signed



Proper Officer
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Report of: Tim O’Gara, Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Title: Freedom of the City

Ward: Citywide

Member Presenting Report: Cllr Paula O’Rourke, Lord Mayor

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Summary

Members are meeting to consider awarding the title of Freedom of the City to Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering and posthumously to Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans.

The significant issues in the report are:

The reasons for considering conferring the Freedom of the City on Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering and posthumously to Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans and details of their service to the city are set out in Appendix A.



Consultation

1. **Internal**
The Mayor and Party Group Leaders support this proposal.
2. **External**
N/A

Context

The Freedom of the City is an honour conferred to an individual in recognition of their exceptional service to the city.

Other Options Considered

3. None.

Risk Assessment

4. There are no risks associated with the proposal.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

8b) N/A

Legal and Resource Implications

A local authority is entitled to confer freedom of the city upon ‘persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area’ (s.249(5) Local Government Act 1972).

Legal advice provided by Nancy Rollason, Head of Legal Services.

Financial

(a) Revenue

There are no revenue costs associated with this proposal.

(b) Capital

There are no capital costs associated with this proposal.

Land

There are no land matters associated with this proposal.

Personnel

Not applicable

Appendices:

Appendix A - Citation for Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering, Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None

Citation for Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering, Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans

The Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963 arose from the refusal of the Bristol Omnibus Company, then operated through the Transport Holding Company and the Bristol Corporation (a predecessor to Bristol City Council) to employ Black or Asian bus crews in Bristol.

Roy Hackett MBE, Paul Stephenson OBE, Owen Henry, Audley Evans, Prince Brown, Barbara Dettering and Guy Bailey OBE led the boycott of the company's buses, lasting four months until the company overturned their racist policies.

Bristol City Council acknowledges the racist treatment experienced by the black and minority ethnic communities of Bristol from the Bristol Omnibus Company. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and diverse city - the culture of the of the then Bristol Omnibus Company ran against everything we want Bristol to be.

The City Council thanks the leaders of the Bristol Bus Boycott, and the community who participated in the Boycott, for forcing management to end their indefensible employment practices. The Bristol Omnibus Company's racist policies are a dark stain on Bristol's past, but the collective action taken by the Bristol Boycott leaders and those who came together to help end this injustice, will rightly be remembered as one of the city's proudest and most consequential moments. The Boycott expediated calls to tackle racial discrimination and, paving the way for the historic Race Relations Acts of 1965 and 1968, undoubtedly changed Bristol and the United Kingdom for the better.

To recognise their exceptional service to the city, Mayor Rees, Party Group Leaders and the Lord Mayor would like to grant Freedom of the City – the highest civic honour we can bestow on citizens – upon Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering and posthumously to Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans to recognise their work to advance racial equality in our country (N.B The status has already been conferred upon Paul Stephenson OBE).