

# Extraordinary Full Council

Tuesday 13 December 2022



**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

## Recommendation

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

## 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