



Rutland County Council

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Minutes of the 241st (**SPECIAL**) **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** held in Oakham Castle, Castle Grounds Market Place, Oakham, LE15 6DR on Monday, 27th June, 2022 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT:	Councillor J Dale (Chairman)	Councillor E Baines
	Councillor K Bool	Councillor A Brown
	Councillor G Brown	Councillor J Burrows
	Councillor W Cross	Councillor S Harvey
	Councillor O Hemsley	Councillor S Lambert
	Councillor M Oxley	Councillor K Payne
	Councillor R Payne	Councillor R Powell
	Councillor L Stephenson	Councillor L Toseland
	Councillor G Waller	Councillor D Wilby
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Mark Andrews	Chief Executive
	Angela Wakefield	Director of Legal and Governance
	Tom Delaney	Governance Manager
	Kate Haworth	Civic Officer
ABSENT:	Councillor P Ainsley	Councillor N Begy
	Councillor D Blanksby	Councillor P Browne
	Councillor J Fox	Councillor A MacCartney
	Councillor A Walters	Councillor S Webb
	Councillor R Wilson	

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ainsley, Begy, Blanksby, P Browne, Fox, MacCartney, Walters and Wilson.

2 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed Members that he would make a full set of announcements at the next ordinary meeting of Council.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

There were no announcements from the Leader, Members of the Cabinet or the Head of Paid Service.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions, deputations or questions from members of the public had been received.

6 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

No questions from Members of the Council had been received.

7 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN

Report No. 114/2022 was received from the Chief Executive, recommending the appointment of Sir Laurence Howard as an Honorary Freeman of Rutland.

Councillor L Stephenson, Leader of the Council, introduced the report and moved the recommendations, in doing so highlighting the various acts of service Sir Laurence had undertaken for the county, including as a magistrate, founder of a fund to enable Rutland Students to attend Leicester University where he had worked as a medical lecturer, and fifteen years of service as Lord Lieutenant of Rutland. Councillor R Powell, Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded the motion and as Ward Member for Whissendine where Sir Laurence resided and emphasised the high esteem he was held in throughout the county.

Members spoke in support of the motion highlighting Sir Laurence's support to the Armed Forces Community during his tenure as Lord Lieutenant, including serving as an Honorary Air Commandant in the Royal Air Force, and his work on supporting links between Rutland and the University of Leicester.

Members considered that Sir Laurence truly embodied the values of Rutland and in particular the motto of *Multum in Parvo* (Much in little) through his multitude of achievements since moving into the county and was the perfect candidate to be recognised in the way the appointment of an Honorary Freeman was designed to.

Tributes were also paid to Lady Howard, for her dedication and unstinting support to Sir Laurence in all his work for the county, it was highlighted that the couple were still affectionally referred to 'Team Howard' in the RAF community.

Concluding the debate, the Chairman emphasised how Sir Laurence's dedication and attitude had made him a fantastic ambassador for the county and on behalf of the Council thanked Sir Laurence for his service to Rutland.

The motion to appoint Sir Laurence as an Honorary Freeman was put to the vote and with 18 votes in favour, the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a) **APPOINTED** Sir Laurence Howard KCVO OBE as an Honorary Freeman of the County of Rutland.
- b) **CONFERED** the following privileges on Sir Laurence:

- i. To enjoy the ceremonial title of Honorary Freeman and be so addressed.
 - ii. To be invited to attend the following Civic events in the County:
 - Remembrance Sunday
 - Annual Civic Events
 - Any other civic events on the invitation of the Chairman of the Council
 - iii. To be invited to Annual meetings of the Council.
- c) **INSTRUCTED** the Chief Executive to arrange for Sir Laurence's name to be placed on the Roll of Honorary Freeman held at Catmose.

The Chairman and Chief Executive formally presented Sir Laurence with his honorary scroll declaring his appointment. The Chairman then invited Sir Laurence to address Council.

Sir Laurence thanked the Chairman and Members for honouring him with his appointment and for their tributes to himself and Lady Howard. Sir Laurence also reflected on the ongoing struggles for freedom around the world and how valuable it was that those assembled to live in a country their forefathers had fought to keep free.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.30 pm.

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