
REPORT TO:	EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 3
DATE OF MEETING:	7TH JULY 2011	CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	NEIL BETTERIDGE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER 01283 595895	DOC:
SUBJECT:	HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE – WILLIAM DUNN	REF: NB
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To consider the following motion in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):-

“That, in recognition and appreciation of the eminent and distinguished service rendered by him to the District and its citizens, the Council hereby confers upon William Dunn the Honorary Freedom of the District of South Derbyshire.”

1.2 That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to Mr. Dunn on his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the District of South Derbyshire.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider conferring upon Mr. William Dunn the Honorary Freedom of the District of South Derbyshire.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) gives Councils the power to bestow the honour of Honorary Freeman to persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area. This practice provides a dignified and satisfactory means of enabling the district to honour Mr. William Dunn, a distinguished servant of the community as a Councillor for 42 years from 1969 – 2011.

3.2 To this end, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council must be convened to specifically consider this matter, with not less than two-thirds of those present voting in favour.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The costs of the presentation certificate can be met from current civic budgets.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 Granting the freedom of the district should only be given in exceptional cases in order to maintain its kudos and standing. Once conferred, the freedom itself carries no privileges and is purely an honour to recognise the significance and valuable services rendered to the district by that person.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The title of Honorary Freeman is the highest honour that a district can bestow, although it carries no privileges. However, those successful are able to use the title of Freeman and receive invitations to major civic events.

7.0 Background Papers

None