

CIVIC HONOURS COMMITTEE

AGENDA



Thursday 11th March 2021

at 2.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: this will be a 'remote meeting', a web-link to the public stream will be available on the Hartlepool Borough Council website at least 24 hours before the meeting.

MEMBERS: CIVIC HONOURS COMMITTEE:

Councillors S Akers-Belcher, Brown, Hunter, Loynes and Moore

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2020
- 4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

No items
- 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs



referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

6 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 6.1 Nominations for Election as Freeman/Freewoman and Alderman/Alderwoman of the Borough (paras 1 and 2) – *Managing Director*

7. ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT



CIVIC HONOURS COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

14 December 2020

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and was an online remote meeting in compliance with the Council Procedure Rules Relating to the holding of Remote Meetings and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present:

Councillor Loynes (In the Chair)
Councillors Brown and Moore

Also in attendance – Councillor Tony Richardson

Officers
Denise McGuckin, Managing Director
Hayley Martin, Chief Solicitor
Amanda Whitaker, Legal and Democratic Services Team Manager

On opening the meeting, the Chair advised that as she was feeling unwell she intended to hand over conduct of the remainder of the meeting to Councillor Moore.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of interest by Members

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2020 were confirmed.

4. Nominations for the Awards of Civic Honours *(Chief Solicitor)*

At the meeting of the Civic Honours Committee on 12 December 2016 the process and criteria relating to Civic Honours nominations had been considered and a number of amendments were proposed for Council's

consideration. At the meeting of Full Council held on 23 February 2017, the revised process/criteria was agreed, a copy of which was appended to the Committee's report.

The views of the Committee were sought on a number of outstanding referrals from the meeting of Full Council held on 23 February 2017. Elected Members were requested also to consider the process for a nomination which had been received during the moratorium period. Consideration was given also to inviting the submission of additional nominations with a suggested timeline set out in the report.

Whilst expressing support of the proposed process for civic honours, Councillor Loynes highlighted the outstanding work of a number of residents in the Borough during the Covid 19 pandemic. It was suggested that members of the public be encouraged to also submit nominations for a Mayor's Award. It was clarified that although the Mayor's Award would be separate to the Civic Honours, the timeline for both Civic Honours and the Mayor's Awards would run concurrently.

Decisions

- (i) That reasons for civic honour recommendations be included in this Committee's future reports to Full Council.
- (ii) That no change be made to the criteria for consideration of posthumous honours.
- (iii) That the process in respect of nominations for Civic Honours, as set out in the report, be adopted.
- (iv) That the timeline for both Civic Honours and the Mayor's Awards run concurrently.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 a.m.

CHAIR