

CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 9.23 PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Vasey), Councillors Alcroft, Allison, Bainbridge, Bell, Mrs Birks, Bomford, Bowditch, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Burns, Christian, Mrs Coleman, Collier, Earp, Ellis, Mrs Finlayson, Glendinning, Glover, Harid, Higgs, Layden, McDevitt, McDonald, Mrs McKerrell, McNulty, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Paton, Patrick, Ms Quilter, Mrs Riddle, Robson, Miss Sherriff, Sidgwick (S), Sidgwick (T), Southward, Stothard, Dr Tickner, Tinnion, Mrs Warwick, Ms Williams and Wilson

ALSO

PRESENT: Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Legal Services Manager

C.132/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Betton, Bloxham, Shepherd and Watson; and the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.

C.133/17 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

C.134/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

C.135/17 RAF SPADEADAM – FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE

Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, there was submitted report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services (GD.52/17) recommending that RAF Spadeadam be granted the Freedom of the City of Carlisle.

The report recorded that granting the Freedom of the City to military bodies conferred the right upon the recipient to march through the City on all ceremonial occasions with drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed.

RAF Spadeadam's mission was 'To deliver world-class, operationally-representative electronic warfare training and trials facilities to UK and Allied military personnel, wherever and whenever required.'

Details of the history of the establishment; the training provided; deployment ability and personnel were also recorded.

On 1 April 2018 the Royal Air Force would celebrate its centenary. To celebrate that, the Royal Air Force had formed a team (RAF100) to co-ordinate national and local events. The official launch of the RAF100 campaign would be on 1 October 2017, with events running throughout the year until 1 October 2018.

The recommendation alluded to above was made in recognition of the historic and proud links between the City and the RAF Station in what was the RAF's Centenary Year.

More than two-thirds of those Members present and entitled to vote indicating in favour of the recommendation, it was:

RESOLVED – (1) Pursuant to the powers granted to the Council by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, that RAF Spadeadam be granted the Freedom of the City of Carlisle in recognition of the historic and proud links between the City and the RAF Station in what is the RAF's Centenary Year.

(2) That the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services make arrangements for a formal freedom ceremony and the presentation of a casket containing an address to RAF Spadeadam; and a Special Meeting of the Council take place in order to allow such presentation to take place.

[The meeting ended at 9.25 pm]