



# Carlisle City Council

## Report to City Council

### Report details

Meeting Date:	13 December 2022
Portfolio:	Leader's Portfolio
Key Decision:	No
Policy and Budget Framework	No
Public / Private	Public
Title:	Appointment of Honorary Freewoman and Freemen of the City of Carlisle
Report of:	Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Report Number:	GD.56/22

### Purpose / Summary:

Pursuant to the powers granted to the Council by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Report recommends that Val Armstrong, Councillor John Collier and the Reverend Keith Teasdale each be admitted as Honorary Freewoman and Freemen of the City of Carlisle, each being persons of distinction that have also, in the opinion of the Authority, rendered eminent services to our area.

### Recommendations:

That Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to the powers granted to the Council by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, that Val Armstrong, Councillor John Collier and the Reverend Keith Teasdale be admitted as Honorary Freewoman and Freemen of the City of Carlisle, each being persons of distinction that have also, in the opinion of the Authority, rendered eminent services to our area.
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 each of the said persons admitted as an Honorary Freewoman and Freemen of the City and a Special Meeting of the Council take place in order to allow such presentation to take place.

### Tracking

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## **1. Background**

1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Council may admit Honorary Freewomen and Freemen for its area if they are persons of distinction or who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the place or area.

1.2 Previous recipients of this honour are named in the list attached hereto at Appendix 1.

1.3 The Council must pass a resolution at a meeting of the Authority which has been specially convened for the purpose and where notice of the object of the meeting has been given. The resolution must be passed by at least two-thirds of the Members that vote on it.

1.4 The Council, being of the opinion that Val Armstrong, Councillor John Collier and the Reverend Keith Teasdale are persons of distinction that have also rendered eminent service to the City of Carlisle area, wishes to bestow the honour of admitting the said persons as Honorary Freewoman and Freemen of the City.

## **2. Val Armstrong**

2.1 Val Armstrong joined BBC Radio Cumbria in 1982 and, although born in Lancashire, has become an enthusiastic advocate for our county, and is one of the most familiar voices on the radio station providing comfort to thousands during foot and mouth and the floods. She is a tireless campaigner for charities including Macmillan Cancer Support. In 2011, Val was named Cumbria Woman of the Year.

## **3. Councillor John Collier**

3.1 John Collier is the City Councillor for Dalston and Burgh Ward. First elected to the Council in 1979, he has served as chair of Licensing Panel, Appeals Panels 1 and 3 and Development Control Committee and currently sits on Development Control Committee, Licensing Panel and Appeals Panel 1, as well as being a substitute member on Audit Committee and People, Place and Resources Scrutiny Panels.

3.2 Councillor Collier served as the last Mayor of Carlisle of the twentieth Century, from 1999 to 2000.

## **4. The Reverend Keith Teasdale**

4.1 Reverend Teasdale was inducted as Vicar of St Cuthbert, Carlisle in 2010 and has been an active member of the Carlisle City Centre fraternity and Churches Together. He was a loyal supporter of the Mayor's Charity and hosted many events including 'an evening with Henry VIII'. Until his retirement, he attended City Council meetings and other roles included chair of governors for Norman Street School and member of the Independent Remuneration panel for Copeland and Allerdale.

4.2 Reverend Teasdale was a great support to the community during the floods, despite being personally affected, and during the pandemic. He has been recognised as a community hero, winning the People First award in 2021 at which the judges commended his input into City Centre open air worship.

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 The Labour and Conservative Group Leaders have been consulted and are supportive of the proposals.

## **6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

6.1 In recognition of the persons proposed being persons of distinction that also, in the opinion of the Council, have rendered eminent services to the area, they be admitted as Honorary Freewoman and Freemen to the City of Carlisle.

### **Contact details:**

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### **Appendices attached to report:**

- None

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

### **Corporate Implications:**

Legal – the council has statutory power pursuant to s249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to admit Honorary Freewomen and Freemen to its area, if they are persons of distinction or who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the place or area.

Property Services -

Finance -

Equality -

Information Governance-

## Appendix 1

### City of Carlisle Freeman's Roll

*List of Honorary Freeman admitted since the passing of the Honorary Freedom of  
Boroughs Act, 1885*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Admitted</u>
James Robert Creighton, Esq, J.P	13 August 1889
Richard S Ferguson, Esq, J.P, DL, F.S.A	11 February 1896
William Irwin Robert Crowder, Esq, J.P, DL	14 December 1897
The Right Hon. Viscount Selby of the City of Carlisle	13 June 1899
General H.R.H Prince Christian of Schleswig Holstein, K.G	7 July 1902
Sir Benjamin Scott J.P	11 September 1906
The Right Hon. Viscount Ullswater . P.C	9 June 1908
T. Woodrow Wilson Esq	27 December 1918
General Sir John Stevens Cowans	18 September 1919
Sir Frederick William Chance K.B.E, J.P, DL	4 May 1921
Alderman Francis Peter Dixon, J.P	4 May 1921
George White, Esq, J.P	4 May 1921
Alfred Henry Collingwood, Esq, O.B.E	4 March 1924
Ernest Page, Esq, K.C	7 April 1926
Joseph Pattinson Buck, Esq, J.P	21 June 1926
Miss Mary Ellen Creighton, J.P	22 September 1927
Alderman Thomas Ridley, J.P	21 February 1933
Archibald Creighton, Esq, J.P	28 February 1935
Field Marshall The Right Hon. The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G, G.C.B, D.S.O	17 May 1947
Alderman Herbert Atkinson, J.P	2 April 1951
Matthew Thompson, Esq, J.P	11 October 1951
William W Edel, Esq	5 March 1952
Sir Robert Chance, B.A, J.P	21 October 1952
The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment	23 April 1960
Ritson Graham, Esq, J.P	24 June 1965
Councillor Captain Clement Norman M.B.E, J.P, DL	24 June 1965
Miss Elizabeth Welsh	24 June 1965
Frederick William Wadely, Esq, O.B.E, M.A	18 February 1966
The Right Reverend Thomas Bloomer M.A, D.D	21 October 1966
William Stanley Graham, Esq	14 March 1974
H.R.H The Prince of Wales	29 January 1986
Ronald Howard Lewis, Esq	28 November 1988
The Right Honourable William Whitelaw	28 November 1988

Hugh Little, Esq, O.B.E	26 October 1990
Ronald Wilson Esq	26 October 1990
James Frederick Long, Esq	9 July 1996
The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	12 July 2006
His Honour Judge Paul Batty QC	21 March 2016
Eric Martlew, MP	21 March 2016
Michael Mitchelson	21 March 2016
Revered Canon William Roan	21 March 2016
Ivor Broadis	8 October 2018
RAF, Spadeadam	2 June 2018