



## SUMMONS

To the Mayor and Members of Carlisle City Council

You are summoned to attend the Special Meeting of Carlisle City Council which will be held on **Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at 18:45**, in the **Cathedral Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Humber', written over a horizontal line.

Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services

## AGENDA

1. The Mayor will invite the Chaplain to say prayers.
2. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive will open the meeting by calling the roll.
3. **Public and Press**

To determine whether any of the items of business within Part A of the Agenda should be dealt with when the public and press are excluded from the meeting.

To determine whether any of the items of business within Part B of the Agenda should be dealt with when the public and press are present.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any interests, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

**5. Appointment of Honorary Freemen and Freewoman of the City of Carlisle 3 - 8**

To consider a report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services , pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, recommending that the City Council admit Val Armstrong, Councillor John Collier and the Reverend Keith Teasdale as Honorary Freemen and Freewoman of the City of Carlisle; and, upon such resolution being made, further recommending that a ceremonial Special Council Meeting be arranged on a suitable date for the admissions.  
(Copy Report GD.56/22)

**PART 'B'**

**To be considered in private**

- NIL -



# Carlisle City Council Report to City Council

Item  
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## Report details

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| 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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| Council: | 13 December 2022 |
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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<br>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  |

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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     |

