

Report – Freedom Applications Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Award of the Freedom of the City of London by Special Nomination to Thomas Moore

To be presented on Thursday, 23rd April 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. In recognition of his initiative to raise money for the NHS during the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis, the Lord Mayor nominated Thomas Moore, also known as Captain Tom Moore, for Freedom of the City of London by Special Nomination. The nomination was seconded by the Chair of Policy and Resources, Deputy Catherine McGuinness. Your Freedom Applications Committee has considered this nomination and is highly supportive of the award.
2. The Freedom will be the first to be given virtually by the Chamberlain with the help of the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court. The request for approval was submitted under urgency to provide this recognition in time with the completion of the 100 laps of his garden and his 100th birthday, where we hope the Freedom of the City will form one of many honours that are bestowed upon Captain Moore and find our Freedom joined by other Cities across the UK.
3. In consultation with our Communications team they are able to manage this process subject to the Chamberlain's Court being able to provide a virtual solution.

Action Taken

4. Approval was, therefore, granted by the Court of Common Council under urgency procedures to admit Thomas Moore, also known as Captain Tom Moore, to the Freedom of the City of London by Special Nomination; being nominated by The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, and Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor.

RECOMMENDATION

10. We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 17th day of April 2020.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Alderman Sir David Wootton
Chairman, Freedom Applications Committee