

APPENDIX 1: PROCESS FOR MEMBERS NOMINATING AMBASSADORS/OTHER SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL FIGURES FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY

Any proposal to nominate an Ambassador or other significant political figure for the Freedom of the City must first be considered by the Freedom Applications Committee. The Committee will make the decision as to whether the nomination should progress, and will make the ultimate decision as to who the formal nominators are.

Ambassadors will be eligible to be nominated for a Freedom if they meet criteria set by the Freedom Applications Committee, which includes (but is not limited to):

- The individual has been an Ambassador/High Commissioner for at least six months;
- They are the Ambassador/High Commissioner to a country that the City of London has clear ties to, or relationship/dealings with;
- They have made a significant contribution to the life of the Capital or in the field of diplomatic life;
- The individual has just helped to host – or helping to facilitate – a state visit (or other significant visit) from the country or region they represent;
- They are shortly due to retire from their position;
- They have just supported the Chairman of Policy and/or the Lord Mayor on an overseas, or other significant, visit.

Members may suggest an Ambassador/High Commissioner to be nominated for a Freedom but should note that the nomination should not be submitted without first consulting the Freedom Applications Committee. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office will also be consulted on all diplomatic nominations once the Committee has agreed for that nomination to proceed.

Members should also note that in the event where the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court receives a request to nominate an ambassador for a Freedom then he will immediately refer the request to the Freedom Applications Committee for consideration.

In the case of other significant political figures (e.g. Cabinet Ministers) each nomination will first be considered by the Freedom Applications Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Approved by the Freedom Applications Committee on 13th November 2017.

Alderman Sir David Wootton

Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee