

Committee(s) Court of Aldermen	Date(s): 30 March 2022
Subject: Report of Action Taken: Applications for Freedom of the City (in the companies named)	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Court of Aldermen, in accordance with Standing Order No. 46 (Court of Aldermen).

Recommendation:- That Members note the decision taken in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Order No.46 to approve applications for Freedom of the City (in the companies named).

Main Report

Applications for Freedom of the City (in the companies named)

Background and reason for urgency:

- (i) Following the decision to postpone the meeting of the Court of Aldermen from 8th March 2022 to 30th March 2022, a number of applications for the Freedom of the City required approval under urgency.
- (ii) A deferment of consideration of the applications received could have resulted in significant inconvenience to members of the public and ultimately generate a backlog of freedom application ceremonies which would have to be managed at a later date. A large number of the applicants listed have already booked freedom ceremonies in anticipation of being approved by the Court of Aldermen on 8th March. This enables them to be admitted to the Livery and, again, dates for this have been booked in anticipation. Thus, approval of the list of applications was sought in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Orders (46).
- (iii) Standing Order 46 states that: "Where in the opinion of the Town Clerk, urgent matters arise which require a decision before the next meeting of the relevant committee or the Court, the Town Clerk shall refer the matter to the

relevant Chairman, or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman or in the Deputy Chairman's absence the Senior Alderman, who shall decide whether it is necessary to call a special meeting or, alternatively, to authorise the officers to act."

- (iv) The list of applications for Freedom of the City (in the Companies named) is attached. A total of 130 applications are contained therein.

Action taken:

- (v) In accordance with Standing Order no.46, on 1 March 2022 the Lord Mayor (on behalf of the Court of Aldermen) was consulted by the Town Clerk about the list of applications for Freedom of the City (in the companies named). Thereafter, on 2 March 2022 approval was granted by the Town Clerk for the attached list of applications for Freedom of the City (in the Companies) named and for the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court to be instructed accordingly.

Conclusion:

- (vi) Members are asked to note the decision taken in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Order No.46 to approve applications for Freedom of the City (in the companies named).

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - List of Applications for Freedom of the City (and in the Companies Named at 24/02/2022).

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