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| Committee(s): Court of Aldermen | Dated: 14 May 2024 |
| Subject: Report of Action Taken: Freedom Applications | Public |
| Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly? | N/A |
| Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending? | No |
| If so, how much? | N/A |
| What is the source of Funding? | N/A |
| Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department? | N/A |
| 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 the Freedom of the City.

Main Report

Background and reason for urgency:

1. Prospective dates for Court of Aldermen meetings 2022-2024 were shared with the Chamberlain's Court in 2022. The April 2024 meeting date was subsequently removed from the list of meetings; however the Chamberlain's Court was unaware of the change. As a result, a number of applications for Freedom of the City in the Companies named required approval by the Court of Aldermen under urgency.
2. As arrangements for admission/'clothing' ceremonies have already been made by some Livery companies, based on the Court of Aldermen dates originally communicated to them by the Chamberlain's Court in October 2022, a deferment of consideration of the applications could result in significant inconvenience to both the applicants and their respective companies and ultimately generate a backlog of freedom application ceremonies which would have to be managed at a later date. Thus, approval of the list of applications was sought in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Orders (46).

3. The list of 124 applications for Freedom of the City (in the Companies named) that required approval prior to the next meeting of the Court of Aldermen, scheduled for 14 May 2024, is attached at Appendix 1.

Action taken:

4. In accordance with Standing Order no.46, on 5 April 2024, 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, later on in the day on 5 May 2024, 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 so that their admission ceremonies may take place as planned.

Conclusion:

5. Members are asked to note the decisions 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).

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