

CONSIDERATION OF A NOMINATION FOR HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

The Cabinet agreed not to exclude the press and public from the item as a press release was due to be released shortly.

Cabinet considered a report and the recommendations from the Standards Committee on the nomination of Ms Jill Bennett for the Honorary Freedom of the Borough. The Standards Committee had unanimously supported the recommendation. Councillor de Whalley had nominated Ms Bennett for the award, in recognition of her decades of media coverage for West Norfolk. The nomination was supported by the following individuals:

King's Lynn Civic Society (signed by Ms Alison Gifford (Chair))
Cllr Paul Bland JP
Dr Paul Richards FRSA FSA DL
Mr David Goddard DL
Mr Tony Williams MA FRSA DL
Mr Nick Balaam FSA.

Cabinet supported the proposal and made the following recommendations onto Council:

RECOMMENDED: That Council consider the recommendations from Standards and Cabinet at the Extraordinary meeting on 17 June 2024 to consider the proposal to bestow the Freedom of the Borough on Ms Jill Bennett which would be awarded as set out in recommendation 2 below:

- 1) That the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council being held after the Council meeting on 27 June 2024 to bestow the honour of Honorary Aldermen also include the award of the Honorary of Freedom of the Borough to Ms Jill Bennett, under s249 of the Local Government Act 1972, in recognition of the eminent service that Ms Bennett has given to the Borough and west Norfolk.
- 2) That the common seal of the Council be affixed to a certificate to be presented to Ms Bennett at that meeting.

Reason for decision

To give consideration to the nomination received.