

Special Council



Forest Heath
District Council

Title:	Agenda
Date:	Wednesday 20 March 2019
Time:	5.30 pm PLEASE NOTE THE TIME OF THE MEETING (Prior to this meeting a whole Council photograph will be taken and all FHDC Members are requested to convene in the Council Chamber at 5.00pm)
Venue:	Council Chamber District Offices College Heath Road Mildenhall
Membership:	All Councillors You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to transact the business on the agenda set out below.  Ian Gallin Chief Executive 12 March 2019
Quorum	One quarter of the total number of Members
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Special Meeting of the Forest Heath District Council

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the District: Nigel Antony Roman**

That this Council, in recognition of the eminent services rendered by

NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN

for 40 years outstanding service to the District of Forest Heath.

Do hereby, in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in acknowledgement of the services aforesaid, confer upon the said **NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN** the Honorary Freedom of the District of Forest Heath; and

do hereby admit the said **NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN** to be an Honorary Freeman of the District accordingly.

Councillor James Waters will move:

That the Council confer upon **NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN**, the Honorary Freedom of the District of Forest Heath in the terms of the formal motion set out in the Agenda, and present an illuminated copy of the resolution to **NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN**.

Councillor Ruth Bowman will second the motion.

The Chairman will put the motion to the vote, and upon its being declared carried will then ask **all Members of the Council to rise** and will **present an illuminated copy of the resolution and Freedom Award to NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN**.

Members of the Council will resume their seats and the Chairman will invite **NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN** to acknowledge his admission.

HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE DISTRICT

Following the Local Government, Economic Development and Construction Act 2010, District Councils have been able to confer Honorary Freedoms upon persons of distinction and persons or organisations who have rendered eminent services to the District or have served the community in a very distinguished way, but there are no defined criteria. It is solely at the discretion of a District Council, and is the highest tribute that a District can bestow.

The honour has never before been bestowed by Forest Heath District Council since its inception and this, in itself, is a testament to Nigel Antony Roman and the significant contribution he has made to the civic life of the District.

It is honorary only, confers no legal rights and places no obligation on the holder, but Honorary Freemen are invariably invited to take part in important ceremonial occasions in the District.

Services rendered to the council of an existing county, county borough, borough or urban or rural district the area of which becomes wholly or partly included in a new county or district shall be treated as services rendered to the council of the new county or district, as the case may be.

As such, Nigel Antony Roman's status will be carried into West Suffolk Council and he shall be considered a Freeman of West Suffolk after 1 April 2019.

NIGEL ANTONY ROMAN

Nigel was born and educated in Mildenhall, and is married with one daughter and a granddaughter.

He was first elected to Forest Heath District Council in May 1979 and will have continually represented the people of the Great Heath Ward for 40 years in May 2019.

Nigel has always been incredibly active in the community, also having served on Mildenhall Parish Council since 1983.

During his time on the District Council Nigel honourably served as Chairman of Council in both 1987-1988 and 2000-2001. He was also the first ever appointed Deputy Leader of the Council, a position he held for the period 2007-2015.

Nigel also actively supports the voluntary sector, having worked with the Mildenhall Community Partnership for many years and being an appointed Trustee of Mildenhall Museum, a position worthy of an individual so passionate about the history of the local area.