



Constitutional and Nomination Committee

Date: Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Time: 10.00 am

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Membership of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee

Councillors - Karney (Chair), Curley, Flanagan, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, N Murphy, Razaq and Reeves

Agenda

- 1. Urgent Business**
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 2. Appeals**
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.
- 3. Interests**
To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.
- 4. Minutes** 5 - 6
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2020.
- 5. Membership of Council committees and representation on Joint Boards and Joint Committees**
To consider proposed changes to the membership of committees and joint boards / joint committees. Since the Committee last met the political balance of the Council has changed and this will lead to changes in the membership of the Council's Committees and in the Council's nomination and appointments to external bodies and other authorities, in order for the legal requirements on political balance to be complied with.
- 6. Proposal to award the Freedom of the City to 103 Royal Artillery Battery 209 (The Manchester Artillery)** 7 - 8
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.

Information about the Committee

The Constitutional and Nomination Committee deals with the appointment of councillors to serve on committees and certain external organisations.

The Committee also considers proposed changes to the Council Constitution and recommendations for the granting of civic honours to individuals and organisations. Business for consideration at a meeting is set out on the agenda sheet.

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Constitutional and Nomination Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2020

Present: Councillor Karney - In the Chair

Councillors: Curley, Flanagan, Lanchbury, Leech N Murphy and Reeves

CN/20/01 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2019.

CN/20/02 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees

Decisions

1. To recommend that the Council appoints Councillor Craig as the Deputy Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees and Joint Committees of the Council, and to the membership of GM bodies and committees.

COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Economy Scrutiny		Councillor Douglas
Licensing Committee		Councillor Stone
Licensing Policy Committee	Councillor Taylor Councillor Leech	
Joint Bodies / GM Bodies and Committees		
Joint Manchester-Trafford Health Scrutiny Committee		Councillor Wilson

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 27 October 2020

Subject: Freedom of the City of Manchester for Battery 209 (The Manchester Artillery)

Report of: The City Solicitor

Summary

To ask the Committee to recommend that a special meeting of the Council be convened on 25 November 2020 for the purpose of adopting a resolution granting Freedom of the City of Manchester to 103 Royal Artillery Battery 209 (The Manchester Artillery) in recognition of their distinctive and eminent service.

Recommendation

That the City Council be requested to convene a special meeting on 25 November 2020 for the purpose of adopting a resolution, to be proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by the Leader of the Council, that 103 Royal Artillery Battery 209 (The Manchester Artillery) be granted Freedom of the City of Manchester in recognition of the Battery's distinctive and eminent service.

Wards Affected: All

Financial consequences - Revenue

Any costs arising will be met from the Civil and Ceremonial budget allocation.

Financial consequences - Capital

None

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan supports Manchester City Council (MCC) ambition to create and maximise opportunities to raise the profile of the City's support for the armed services and the contribution of our residents to past and continuing defence of the nation.

2. History of 209 Battery

- 2.1 The Battery was established in 1804 as a local volunteer militia force raised across the Manchester area in response to the Napoleonic threat. It was then re-established in 1859 as the United Kingdom moved to establish a standing volunteer army. From 1860 it was garrisoned at Ardwick Green and in 1881 officially awarded the honour title 'The Manchester Artillery'. It has since enjoyed a close and continuing association with the city as a regular army unit, a territorial unit and now as part of the UK's expanding professional military reserve, based in Gorton.
- 2.2 Over the subsequent one hundred and forty years, the Manchester Artillery has seen active duty in the Boer War and the First World War served at Gallipoli, Sinai and the Western Front.
- 2.3 The Unit served extensively overseas during the Second World War as part of the initial expeditionary force and following extensive fighting in defence of France, during which five officers were killed, was evacuated from the Dunkirk beaches. Members of the unit subsequently served across in the Middle East, in the Italian campaign and the subsequent D Day landings", moving into Belgium and Holland where they took part in operation "Market Garden".
- 2.4 Following the restoration of peace the Manchester Artillery returned to its territorial and subsequent army reserve role. In 1947 a recruiting campaign was launched, and many old Dunkirk veterans filled the ranks. Recruit 'Number One' is ex-Sgt Fred Bowker MM, who won his Military Medal at Dunkirk as the 205 Battery Signaller, Manchester Artillery.
- 2.5 The current 209 Battery which now carries the courtesy title has continued to recruit and train Manchester citizens in readiness for the defence of this country at home and abroad. In 2004 members of the battery were deployed to Iraq on Operation TELIC 4 and in again, in Iraq in 2007, Sgt Crowley (209 Battery) became the first soldier from the Manchester Artillery to command and fire an artillery gun in action since 1945.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 In recognition of their work, it is recommended that the service and sacrifice given by the men and women of the Royal Artillery Battery be recognised by granting the Unit Freedom of the City of Manchester.