

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council**  
**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 6.00pm**  
**in the Council Chamber**  
**The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley**

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the numbered agenda items listed below.

**Agenda - Public Session**  
**(Meeting open to the public and press)**

Prayers and National Anthem

1. Apologies for absence
2. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct
3. Freedom of the Borough



**Balvinder Heran**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

**Distribution:**

All Members of the Council

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## **If you need advice or assistance**

- If you (or anyone you know) requires assistance to access the venue, or if you have any other queries, please contact Democratic Services - Telephone 01384 815238 or E-mail **[Democratic.Services@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:Democratic.Services@dudley.gov.uk)**

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## **Extraordinary Meeting of the Council – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Freedom of the Borough**

##### **Purpose**

1. To invite the Council to make any appointments pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

##### **Recommendations**

2. That the Council determine whether to appoint any person(s) as Honorary Freemen/Women of the Borough.
3. That the Chief Executive be authorised to make all the necessary arrangements regarding any awards and presentation ceremony.

##### **Background**

4. Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, appoint to be an Honorary Freeman/Woman of the Borough, persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.
5. The criteria for appointment as an Honorary Freeman/Woman of the Borough were agreed by the Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 as follows:
  - (a) A branch of the armed forces with a particular connection with the Borough.

- (b) Any person born in the Borough or with a particular connection with the Borough who has made an eminent contribution to charity or voluntary work locally, nationally or internationally.
  - (c) Any person born in the Borough or with a particular connection with the Borough who has made an eminent contribution to the life of the Borough or to the nation, in the fields of culture, medicine, science, social care, the economy, education, public service, politics, sport or entertainment.
6. The Council would also take account of whether an individual has received an honour from His Majesty the King or any other prestigious award.

### **Finance**

7. The costs involved with decisions to make any Freedom of the Borough appointments will need to be identified from within existing budgetary provisions.

### **Law**

8. The legal powers are contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

### **Risk Management**

9. There are no implications for the Council's Risk Management Framework.

### **Equality Impact**

10. There are no implications for the Council's commitment to equality and diversity.

### **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

11. Any decisions made by the Council will be administered within existing resources.

### **Commercial/Procurement**

12. There are no implications for the Council's objectives to maximise value from procurement, deliver social value and develop a commercial focus.

## **Environment / Climate Change**

13. There are no implications relating to the environment or climate change.

## **Council Priorities**

14. There are no implications in relation to the Council Plan.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Balvinder Heran".

**Balvinder Heran**  
**Chief Executive**