

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

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**1. PURPOSE**

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The Council is asked to consider a proposal to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on the 21 Birmingham Pub Bombing victims.

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**2. BACKGROUND**

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- 2.1 The City Council has power, under S.249 of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon persons of distinction and persons who have rendered eminent services to the City. The last occasions on which the Council exercised this power for Honorary Freedom were in 2012 when the regiment The Rifles were honoured and 2011 when Honorary Alderman Peter Hollingworth was honoured.
- 2.2 A resolution to confer this honour must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Council voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.
- 2.3 The Council Business Management Committee is recommending that the Council posthumously confers the title of Honorary Freedom of the City on the 21 people who were killed when two bombs exploded in two City Centre Public Houses on 21 November 1974 so that their place in the history of the City of Birmingham will be recognised.

**MOTION**

The City Council posthumously confers upon the 21 victims of the Birmingham Pub Bombings who lost their lives on 21 November 1974 the Honorary Freedom of the City of Birmingham and admits them to the Roll of Honorary Freedom of this City.