

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in the CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER / STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 17 December 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor D B Dew – Chair.

Councillors B S Banks, M L Beuttell,
A Blackwell, M J Burke, S Bywater,
S Cawley, B S Chapman, S J Conboy,
S J Criswell, L Davenport-Ray,
S W Ferguson, I D Gardener, C M Gleadow,
J A Gray, K P Gulson, M A Hassall,
P J Hodgson-Jones, S A Howell, N J Hunt,
A R Jennings, M Kadewere, D N Keane,
J E Kerr, R Martin, B A Mickelburgh,
D L Mickelburgh, S Mokbul, J Neish,
Dr M Pickering, B M Pitt, T D Sanderson,
D J Shaw, R A Slade, S L Taylor, I P Taylor,
D Terry, C H Tevlin, S Wakeford and N Wells.

APOLOGIES: T Alban, R J Brereton, E R Butler, J Clarke,
S J Corney, A E Costello, J E Harvey,
P A Jordan, P Kadewere and C Lowe.

45. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

46. FREEDOM OF THE DISTRICT

The Executive Leader Councillor S J Conboy introduced the Freedom of the District report (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), to consider the recognition of the Rt Hon Sir John Major and granting the status of Honorary Freedom of the District of Huntingdonshire.

Councillor R Martin addressed the Chamber, and noted that this was a civic rather than political decision in recognition of the Rt Hon Sir John Major's dedication to the district over the years. He reflected upon the Rt Hon Sir John Major's time as Prime Minister and the decisions that he made for the country whilst still being very active in the community and expressed his support for the motion.

Councillor C Tevlin addressed the Chamber and reflected upon her experiences as a District and City Councillor and stated that she was not against the proposed motion.

Councillor P Hodgson-Jones reflected upon the Rt Hon Sir John Major's influence within the district and his belief in a traditional rural England which is reflected in the rural communities of Huntingdon. He stated that the Rt Hon Sir John Major remains a vibrant member of

the Huntingdonshire community and a fitting recipient of Freedom of the District.

Councillor S Wakeford noted that whilst there may be political differences this was very much a recognition of his civic dedication to the district and was in support of the proposed motion.

In conclusion, the Chair, Councillor D Dew reflected on his past experiences of working with the Rt Hon Sir John Major and the importance of his family to him and noted their continued support within the local community.

Whereupon and it having been duly proposed and seconded it was

RESOLVED

- a) that in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council confer the Honorary Freeman of the District of Huntingdonshire to the Rt Hon Sir John Major; and
- b) that arrangements be made for an appropriate ceremony and presentation to admit the Rt Hon Sir John Major as Honorary Freeman of the District.

Chair