

Title of Report: Conferring of the Freedom of the City	Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer Author: Democratic Services Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider and make a decision on a Motion to confer the Freedom of the City to Mr. Jim McLaughlin.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the Council meeting held on 31 January 2019, the following Motion was approved by Council (Minute Ref C32/19):

‘That this Council recognise and celebrate the achievement of Derry City Football Team of 1988/1989 on the 30th anniversary of them winning the Treble in the League of Ireland.

Also that this Council calls a Special Meeting of Council to discuss conferring the Freedom of the City on Mr Jim Mc Laughlin, Manager of the 1988/89 Derry City Football Team’.

- 2.2 Council has the authority to confer the Freedom of the City in accordance with the Local Government (Transitional, Incidental, Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 A Special Meeting of Council is required to consider the conferring of the Freedom of the City to any individual.
- 3.2 If the Council resolves to confer the Freedom of the City, the actual conferment will be completed at a subsequent Special Meeting of Council.

3.3 Guests of Mr Mc Laughlin would be invited to attend the Special Meeting wherein the Freedom of the City would be conferred and would be seated in the public gallery. Members of the public would also be able to attend this open Special Meeting of Council.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

4.1 Costs associated with this conferment would be covered within existing budgets.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That Council makes a decision in respect to conferring the Freedom of the City on Mr Jim Mc Laughlin.