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## PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SUMMONS TO AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

You are hereby summonsed to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the Peterborough City Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Peterborough on

**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012 at 6.30 pm**

### AGENDA

**Page No.**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Honorary Freedom of the City**

**To determine whether to grant the honorary freedom of the city to:**

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| <b>(i) Mr Gordon Ryall</b>        | <b>1 - 2</b> |
| <b>(ii) Father David Jennings</b> | <b>3 - 4</b> |
| <b>(iii) Mr Dick Preston</b>      | <b>5 - 6</b> |

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Chief Executive

10 April 2012  
Town Hall  
Bridge Street  
Peterborough

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**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL**  
**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION, ITEM 3(i)**

**The following notice of motion has been received, in accordance with  
Standing Order 15.**

**Motion from Councillor Peter Hiller**

**Seconded by Councillor Nazim Khan MBE, Labour Group Leader**

“Council resolves:

THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **Mr Gordon Ryall**.

The City of Peterborough recognises Gordon Ryall for his distinguished services and the significant contribution he has made to the city over a period of 40 years in the position of Her Majesty’s Coroner for Peterborough and prior to that as the Deputy Coroner for Peterborough. Throughout, Gordon has provided exceptional services to the local community in the role of Coroner and has always been very highly respected within the community, earning him repeated praise for going above and beyond what is required of a Coroner.

Gordon Ryall’s sympathetic and respectful manner has been appreciated by bereaved families from all communities within the multicultural city of Peterborough and as Coroner he would always go that extra mile to ensure religious sensitivities were given the highest priority following bereavement. Gordon has consistently conducted himself in a compassionate and co-operative manner, fulfilling his role as Coroner yet remaining considerate and sensitive to religious needs throughout the decades.

It is acknowledged that through the services provided by the Coroner’s Office, under the leadership of Gordon Ryall, immeasurable good work has been done in bringing the communities within the city of Peterborough together.

The dedication and commitment offered by Gordon Ryall has ensured that all communities within the city have been provided with access to the Coroner on weekends and public holidays and this is particularly appreciated by the Muslim community, given cultural sensitivities. It is this level of service and understanding that is unique to the city of Peterborough, thanks to Gordon’s exemplary hard work. This dedication and commitment is further exhibited by Gordon Ryall’s agreement to fulfil the role of Assistant Deputy Coroner for a period of time following his retirement, in order to assist the new Coroner and Deputy Coroner.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary freedom of the city upon **Mr Gordon Ryall**, of Peterborough.”

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**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL**  
**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION, ITEM 3(ii)**

The following notice of motion has been received, in accordance with  
Standing Order 15.

**Motion from Councillor Matthew Lee, Deputy Leader**

**Seconded by Councillor John Fox**

“Council resolves:

THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **Father David Jennings**.

The City of Peterborough recognises the distinguished service Father David has provided to the city, following his arrival at the parish of St Peter and All Saints in September 2003, promoting cohesion amongst the different communities within Peterborough and having a significant impact on wider aspects of life in the city.

Father David has taken a very active role in strengthening the group of city centre Christian Churches who now operate as ‘Churches Together’ in Central Peterborough, working together to enhance life within the city for some of the most needy in society. Father David has a unique ability to unite people from different backgrounds and faiths for the good of the city and he was instrumental in creating a brotherhood between the Christian Churches and the leaders of other religions in the city.

Together with the Council of local Imams Father David has helped to bring about close working relations through the establishment of the Faith and Cohesion Network, which facilitates closer engagement between faith groups and the statutory sector on tackling social challenges. The strength of that network manifested in December 2011 when a declaration of solidarity was signed by all members of the group. Father David’s exemplary contribution to promote cohesion in Peterborough continues and the legacy he leaves as he embarks upon a sabbatical year is of huge benefit to the city.

Father David has supported communities from all around the world who have come to live in the parish of St Peters and All Saints and has made an outstanding contribution to ensuring Peterborough is a peaceful and tolerant city. His time, patience and commitment to all communities serve as an example of the difference that can be made to improving society. Father David’s engagement at St John Fisher School as a Governor and development of the Interim Executive Board added significantly to the school’s improvements and the enrichment of so many young lives within the city. Father David’s unique abilities, talent and passion have contributed to many of the senior Council and Partnership members’ new level of engagement across all sectors.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the Honorary Freedom of the City upon **Father David Jennings**.”

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**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION, ITEM 3(iii)**

**The following notice of motion has been received, in accordance with  
Standing Order 15.**

**Motion from Councillor Nigel North**

**Seconded by Councillor Graham Casey**

“Council resolves:

THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **Mr Dick Preston**.

The City of Peterborough recognises the significant contribution Dick Preston, President of Baker Perkins Historical Society, has made to the city throughout his entire working life with Baker Perkins, an international engineering company and major employer within the city for over a century, representing a sector which for many years was critical to the local economy.

Baker Perkins can trace its history in Peterborough back to 1903, being a well-established name in the bakery, biscuit, confectionery, chocolate and chemical machinery industries. Baker Perkins, and the Westwood Works offices and factory, continued into the late 1980s when the business became part of APV. At its height, approximately 2,900 employees were located at Westwood Works, Peterborough, where the Company HQ and its largest manufacturing unit were located.

Dick Preston began his career with Baker Perkins as an apprentice and his dedication continued, transitioning through a technical career in the drawing office to a more commercial career and ultimately working as Group Marketing Director by the time he retired in 1994. It was Dick Preston’s dedication and enthusiasm to Baker Perkins over 40 years that led to his remarkable and successful efforts in developing the means of recording the history of the people and business activities of Baker Perkins. Dick identified the need to capture this heritage for posterity and has worked voluntarily since 2003, displaying commitment and enthusiasm for this project throughout.

Dick Preston’s achievements as President of the Baker Perkins Historical Society are impressive. The creation and development of the website ‘Westwood Works’ in 2003 captured all aspects of Baker Perkins’ Westwood Works and became a focal point for the exchange of information for former employees around the world. Dick’s commitment and determination contributed to the creation of the Baker Perkins Historical Society in 2005, formed to capture and recognise the history of Baker Perkins beyond the local context of Westwood Works. Working in conjunction with Peterborough Museum and the Archive Services at the Central Library, the society’s achievements have been significant. With Dick’s unstinting and passionate involvement a second website has been developed, five books published, many reunions organised and through working in conjunction with the city council commemorative plaques have been erected within the city.

These achievements have been secured by countless hours of dedication to the task and Dick's enthusiasm has helped record the history of a major local employer and to capture much of the essence of the city of Peterborough's engineering sector in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, making a significant contribution to Peterborough's heritage.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the Honorary Freedom of the City upon **Mr Dick Preston.**"