

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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