

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	COUNCIL (SPECIAL)
Date:	22 January 2004
Subject:	Conferment of Freedom of the Borough on Sir Roger Bannister
Responsible Chief Officer:	Chief Executive
Status:	Part I
Ward:	N/A
Enclosures:	Cabinet Recommendation II Report to the Cabinet 16 December 2003 Draft Form of Resolution Sir Roger Bannister – Synopsis Biography

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council is convened in a Special Meeting under the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to consider Recommendation II from the Cabinet Meeting of 16 December 2003 proposing the conferment of honorary Freedom of the Borough.
- 1.2 This report confirms that the honour is proposed to be conferred on Sir Roger Bannister.

2. Recommendations (for decision by Council)

- 2.1 **That, further to Cabinet recommendation II (16 December 2003) and the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer the Freedom of the Borough on Sir Roger Bannister and approve associated costs in recording the granting of the Freedom in an Illuminated Scroll in accordance with the provisions of Section 249(6). (A Form of Resolution is appended for approval and adoption).**

3. Consultation with Ward Councillors

- 3.1 N/A

4. Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)

- 4.1 To mark the fiftieth anniversary of Sir Roger Bannister's 1954 world record mile run and of the Authority's Incorporation as a Borough.
- 4.2 The attached report to the December Cabinet meeting provides further background to the policy of conferring Freedom of the Borough.

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

5.1 The attached report to the December Cabinet meeting indicates the Corporate relevance.

6. **Background Information and Options Considered**

6.1 Members are referred to the officer report submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 16 December 2003.

6.2 The merits of Sir Roger Bannister, who was born in Harrow, as the proposed recipient of the honour of Freedom of the Borough are set out in the attached synopsis biography.

6.3 The honour is proposed to be conferred in this year of 2004 appropriately both to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the outstanding sporting achievement of Sir Roger Bannister and in celebration of the Borough's fiftieth anniversary of Incorporation. These sentiments are reflected in the draft Resolution.

6.4 Sir Roger Bannister has been consulted and has indicated that he would welcome the honour now proposed to be conferred.

6.5 Under the provisions of Section 249 the conferment of the honour of Freedom of the Borough must be considered at a Special Meeting of the Council as the single issue (as now convened). A formal vote must be recorded on the object of conferring the honour and the resolution to be effective must be passed by not less than two thirds of the Members of Council present and voting.

7. **Consultation**

7.1 This matter arises from the consideration at Cabinet on 16 December 2003 and Recommendation II arising.

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 The associated costs of providing an Illuminated Scroll can be contained within existing budgets.

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 None

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 The Council is recommended to adopt Cabinet Recommendation II and to grant Freedom of the Borough to Sir Roger Bannister in the context of the fiftieth anniversaries.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 See Enclosures

12. **Author**

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