1. Details of Recommendations

That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do hereby admit Councillors Raj Bath, John Chatt, Paul Lynch and Bob Whatley and Ruth Cadbury MP to be Honorary Freeman of the Borough in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough.

2. Report Summary

This report asks members to confer the title of Honorary Freemen of the Borough of Hounslow upon five people in recognition of their twenty five years public service as councillors.

3. Reason for Decision and Options Considered

3.1 The Council has powers to confer the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. This provides that the Council may “...by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specifically convened for the purposes, admit to be Honorary Freeman of the Borough persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough”.

Contains Confidential or Exempt Information: No

Title: Honorary Freemen Of The Borough (CEX100)

Member Reporting: Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of the Council

Contact Details: Thomas Ribbits, Head of Democratic Services

For Consideration By: Borough Council

Date to be Considered: 27th October 2015

Implementation Date if Not Called In: Immediately

Affected Wards: All

Keywords/Index: Freemen, honorary, freedom of the borough, councillors, Bath, Cadbury, Chatt, Lynch, Whatley
2.2 The Council has in the past awarded the title to long-serving councillors where they have served 25 years as a member of the authority. It is proposed to continue this tradition and to ask the Borough Council to confer the title on four serving councillors and one former councillor who all completed 25 years service to the Authority in May this year.

2.3 Those proposed to receive this honour are Councillors Raj Bath, John Chatt, Paul Lynch and Bob Whatley and Ruth Cadbury MP

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<td>There are two options: to support the recommendations or not to do so. The Council is recommended to support the proposal to recognise the five nominees.</td>
<td>The Council has a long record of honouring members of the Council who have served for twenty five years and has done so on many occasions in the past.</td>
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4. **Key Implications**

The key implications for the Council are ceremonial. Freemen of the Borough are often invited to significant Mayoral and Civic Events throughout the year.

5. **Financial Details**

a) **Financial Impact On The Budget (Mandatory)**

There is no impact on the budget arising from this recommendation.

b) **Comments of the Director of Finance**

This report does not commit the Council to additional expenditure.

6. **Legal**

a) **Legal Details/Comments of the Head of Governance**

The Council has powers to confer the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. As the title is purely honorary there are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. **Value For Money**

There are no value for money implications in this report.

8. **Sustainability Impact Appraisal**

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.
9. **Risk Management**

There are no risks arising from this report.

10. **Links to Council Priorities**

This report relates to the ceremonial aspects of civic life and so links to the Council’s priority to create an ambitious council which improves the lives of residents and works in a transparent way by honouring public service.

11. **Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion**

There are no additional implications in relation to equalities, human rights and community cohesion

12. **Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications:**

There are no implications in relation to staffing or accommodation.

13. **Property and Assets**

There are no implications for property or assets.

14. **Any Other Implications**

There are no further implications.

15. **Consultation**

There has been no consultation in relation to the recommendations in this report.

16. **Timetable for Implementation**

The decision will come into force at the point that the recommendations are agreed.

17. **Appendices**

There are no appendices to this report.

18. **Background Information**

There is no background information in relation to this report.

**REPORT ENDS**