



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Extraordinary Council 3 July 2025

Wards affected: All wards

Freedom of the Borough

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To confer Freedom of the Borough upon Professor Dame Carol Black GBE FRCP FMedSci.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Council confers Freedom of the Borough upon Professor Dame Carol Black who was born in Barwell and is, in the opinion of the Council, a person of distinction, having rendered eminent services in the fields of health and medicine, education and work.

3. Background to the report

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives power to local authorities to confer the title of Honorary Freedom of the Borough on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, are persons of distinction.
- 3.2 A principal council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, confer Freedom of the Borough.
- 3.3 Professor Dame Carol Black is a British physician specialising in rheumatology, was President of the Royal College of Physicians from 2002 to 2006, advisor to various governments on the relationship between health and work from 2006 to 2016, Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, from 2012 to 2019 and chair of the trustees of the British Library.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 To be taken in open session.

5. Financial implications

5.1 Costs will be met from existing budgets.

6. Legal implications

6.1 Set out in the report.

7. Corporate Plan implications

7.1 No implications.

8. Consultation

8.1 None required.

9. Risk implications

9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) risks

Risk description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None		

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

10.1 This report does not impact on any community or group in the borough.

11. Climate implications

11.1 This report does not have any implications on climate change in addition to the normal impact of convening an in-person meeting with associated agenda and reports, the majority of which are now circulated electronically.

12. Corporate implications

12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data protection implications
- Voluntary sector

Background papers: None

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