

Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 1

Submitted by Councillor Speight

This council acknowledges the tremendous contributions to community and sport by Margaret Whitbread and Fatima Whitbread and in doing so puts in motion the relevant process to offer both the freedom of the borough of Thurrock.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

This motion meets the requirements of Rule 15.2, Chapter 2, Part 2 of the Constitution which states that "a notice of motion must relate to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and must relate to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function."

Pursuant to s.249 (5) 'honorary freemen' or 'honorary freewomen' status can be granted to:

- persons "of distinction"
- persons who have "rendered eminent services to that place or area"

However, this must be done "by resolution of the Council at a meeting of the relevant authority which is specially convened for the purpose and where notice of the object of the meeting has been given; and by not less than two-thirds of the members of the relevant authority (or, in the case of charter trustees, of the trustees) who vote on it." (s.8a and b). This requires a separate meeting of the Council if the motion is passed.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no financial implications arising from this motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes