



SPECIAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 21 May 2026 at 5.40 pm in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford TF3 4JG

Present: Councillors E Aston, S Bentley, K T Blundell, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E M Callear, L D Carter, C Chikandamina, G H Cook, P Davis, F Doran, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, S Handley, Z Hannington, C Healy, T L B Janke, A S Jhavar, J Kaur, L Lewis, G Luter, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, H Morgan, T J Nelson, R A Overton, N Page, I Preece, S J Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, H Rhodes, R Sahota, P J Scott, S Syrda, G Thomas, P Thomas, J Thompson, K L Tomlinson, W L Tomlinson, K Tonks, R Tyrrell, J Urey, O Vickers, P Watling and D R W White

In Attendance: A Lowe (Director: Policy & Governance) and D Sidaway (Chief Executive)

Apologies: Councillors E Davies, N A Dugmore, J Jones, G C W Latham-Reynolds and L Parker

68 Honorary Freedom of the Borough

This special meeting of the Council had been convened for the purpose of seeking Council's approval to admit Garrison Sergeant Major Andrew 'Vern' Stokes OBE MVO DL as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in recognition of having rendered eminent service to the people of Telford and Wrekin through his esteemed military career.

Council may pass a resolution to admit an honorary freeman provided that not less than two-thirds of Members present and voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specifically convened for this purpose, voted in support of the admission.

The admission of Garrison Sergeant Major Andrew 'Vern' Stokes OBE MVO DL was proposed by Councillor L D Carter, seconded by Councillor R A Overton and

Upon being put to the vote, it was:

RESOLVED – that Garrison Sergeant Major Andrew 'Vern' Stokes OBE MVO DL be admitted as Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Telford and Wrekin.



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Co-operative Council

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The meeting ended at 5.57 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026