

# **COUNCIL AGENDA**

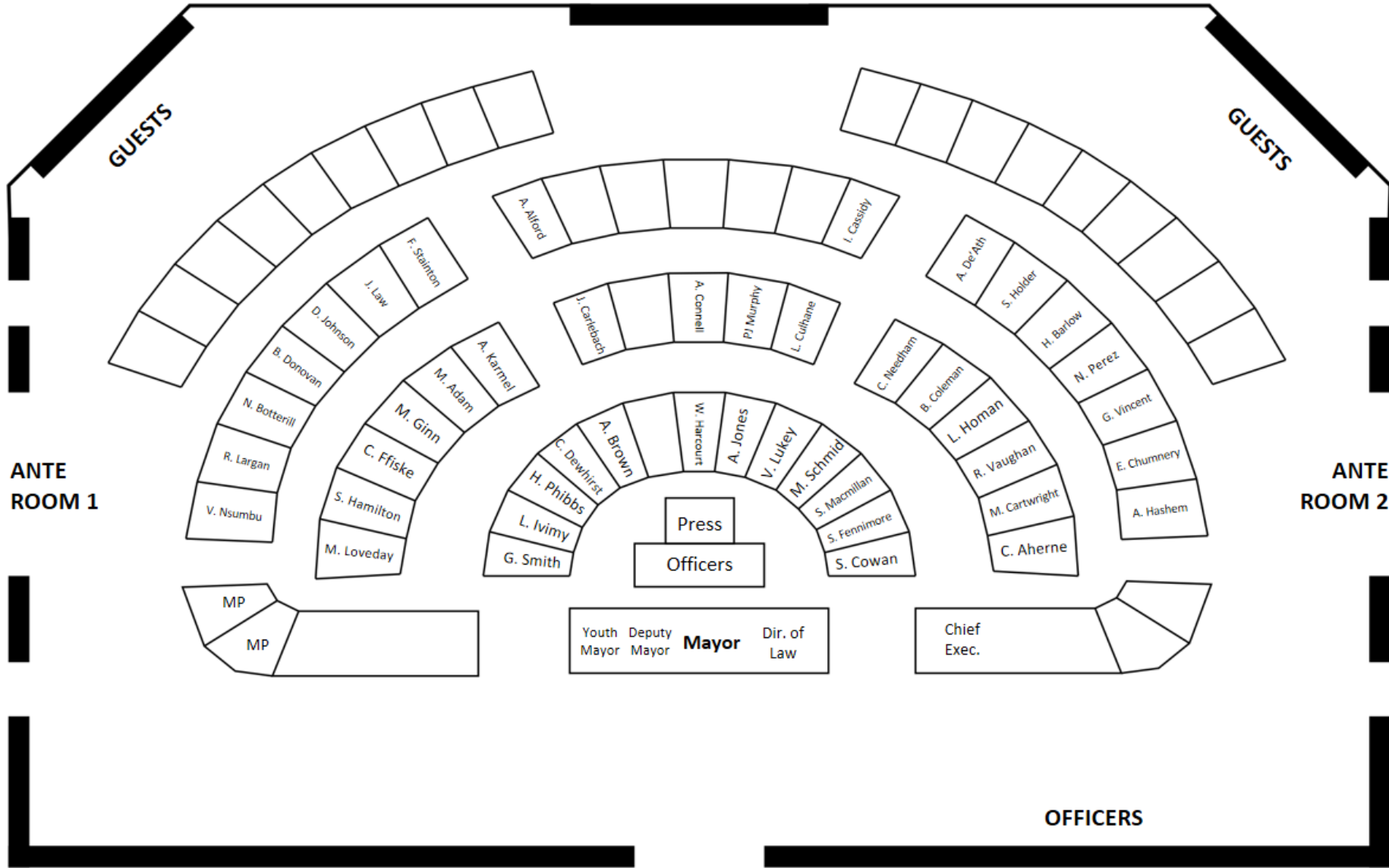
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday 19 October 2016**

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# COUNCIL CHAMBER SEATING 2016/17



ANTE ROOM 1

ANTE ROOM 2

Youth Mayor Deputy Mayor **Mayor** Dir. of Law

Chief Exec.

OFFICERS

COUNCIL CHAMBER FOYER



The Mayor Councillor Mercy Umeh  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Daryl Brown

ADDISON

Adam Connell (L)  
Belinda Donovan (C)  
Sue Fennimore (L)

HAMMERSMITH  
BROADWAY

Michael Cartwright (L)  
Stephen Cowan (L)  
PJ Murphy (L)

RAVENS COURT PARK

Charlie Dewhurst (C)  
Lucy Ivimy (C)  
Harry Phibbs (C)

ASKEW

Lisa Homan (L)  
Caroline Needham (L)  
Rory Vaughan (L)

MUNSTER

Michael Adam (C)  
Adronie Alford (C)  
Alex Karmel (C)

SANDS END

Steve Hamilton (C)  
Robert Largan (C)  
Jane Law (C)

AVONMORE &  
BROOK GREEN

Hannah Barlow (L)  
Joe Carlebach (C)  
Caroline Ffiske (C)

NORTH END

Daryl Brown (L)  
Larry Culhane (L)  
Ali Hashem (L)

SHEPHERDS BUSH  
GREEN

Andrew Jones (L)  
Natalia Perez (L)  
Mercy Umeh (L)

COLLEGE PARK &  
OLD OAK

Elaine Chumnerly (L)  
Wesley Harcourt (L)

PALACE RIVERSIDE

Marcus Ginn (C)  
Donald Johnson (C)

TOWN

Andrew Brown (C)  
Viya Nsumbu (C)  
Greg Smith (C)

FULHAM BROADWAY

Ben Coleman (L)  
Alan De'Ath (L)  
Sharon Holder (L)

PARSONS GREEN AND  
WALHAM

Nicholas Botterill (C)  
Mark Loveday (C)  
Frances Stainton (C)

WORMHOLT AND  
WHITE CITY

Colin Aherne (L)  
Sue Macmillan (L)  
Max Schmid (L)

FULHAM REACH

Iain Cassidy (L)  
Vivienne Lukey (L)  
Guy Vincent (L)

# SUMMONS

Councillors of the London Borough of  
Hammersmith & Fulham  
are requested to attend the  
Meeting of the Council on  
Wednesday 19 October 2016  
at Hammersmith Town Hall, W6

The Council will meet at 7.00pm


11 October 2016  
Town Hall  
Hammersmith W6

Nigel Pallace  
Chief Executive

# Full Council Agenda

19 October 2016

<u>Item</u>		<u>Pages</u>
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b> <p>If a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest in a particular item, whether or not it is entered in the Authority's register of interests, or any other significant interest which they consider should be declared in the public interest, they should declare the existence and, unless it is a sensitive interest as defined in the Member Code of Conduct, the nature of the interest at the commencement of the consideration of that item or as soon as it becomes apparent.</p> <p>At meetings where members of the public are allowed to be in attendance and speak, any Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest or other significant interest may also make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. The Councillor must then withdraw immediately from the meeting before the matter is discussed and any vote taken.</p> <p>Where Members of the public are not allowed to be in attendance and speak, then the Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest should withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is under consideration. Councillors who have declared other significant interests should also withdraw from the meeting if they consider their continued participation in the matter would not be reasonable in the circumstances and may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Councillors are not obliged to withdraw from the meeting where a dispensation to that effect has been obtained from the Audit, Pensions and Standards Committee.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH - MR GEORGE COHEN MBE</b> <p>In recognition of Mr George Cohen's achievements and contributions to the borough, the Council is requested to confer on him the title 'Honorary Freeman of the Borough'.</p>	1 - 3

<b>London Borough of Hammersmith &amp; Fulham</b>  <b>COUNCIL</b>  <b>19 OCTOBER 2016</b>		
<b>HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH – Mr George Cohen MBE</b>		
<b>Report of the Leader of the Council - Councillor Stephen Cowan</b>		
<b>Open Report</b>		
<b>Classification:</b> For Decision		
<b>Key Decision:</b> No		
<b>Wards Affected:</b> All		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Kim Dero – Director of Delivery and Value		
<b>Report Author:</b> Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny		<b>Contact Details:</b> Tel: 020 8753 2499 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kayode.adewumi@lbhf.gov.uk">kayode.adewumi@lbhf.gov.uk</a>

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. In recognition of Mr George Cohen’s achievements and contributions to the Borough, the Council is requested to confer on him the title “Honorary Freeman of the Borough”.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009), that the Council confer the title “Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham” on Mr George Cohen MBE in recognition of his contributions to winning the World Cup in July 1966 and for his many years working as an ambassador for the Fulham Football Club in the local community.

## 3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009) allows the Council to confer the titles “honorary freeman”, “honorary aldermen”, “honorary freewoman” and “honorary alderwoman” on an individual “where appropriate.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The conferring of the title Freedom of the Borough is the highest civic distinction that can be bestowed upon individuals or collective bodies in recognition of outstanding service or particular civic association. The overriding principle is that these awards should be made on merit. Merit for awards is defined as:
- Achievement
  - Exceptional Service
- 4.2 Mr Ed Vanson wrote to the Mayor and Members from both sides requesting that the Freedom of the Borough be granted to Mr George Cohen. The reasons for his request is outlined below.

“Following on from the excellent and very welcome news that Fulham Football Club are to erect a statue of George Cohen at their Craven Cottage site, I wanted to contact you and ask if you could perhaps petition Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council to award him the Freedom of the Borough and/or any other tribute in recognition of his 459 appearances for Fulham FC over many years (since 1955) and of course his role in helping England win the World Cup for the only time thus far in 1966. As I understand it Mr Cohen was born in the area and attended Henry Compton as a school boy. He still works on match days at Craven Cottage and I can see no reason why the Council would not want to mark his many marvellous achievements in the area.

Any celebration or tribute would serve as a reminder to local residents of what an achievement 1966 was and this year, the 50th anniversary of England's sole World Cup win would be the perfect time to do it. After all it is a fact that England cannot win the World Cup without a Fulham player in the team”.

## **5. REASONS FOR THE AWARD**

- 5.1 George Reginald Cohen MBE was born on 22 October 1939 in Kensington. He has been married to his wife Daphne since 1962. They have two sons - Anthony and Andrew as well as five grandchildren. He was awarded the MBE in 2000 for his contribution to winning the only World Cup which took place on 30th July 1966.
- 5.2 Mr Cohen spent his entire playing career at Fulham Football Club from 1956 to 1969 when he retired due to injury. As Fulham and England's right-back, Mr Coehn played 459 times for the Fulham and 37 times for his country. He is the only Fulham player to have won a World Cup winner's medal while at the Cottage. George Best, another Fulham legend, famously called Cohen ‘the best full back I ever played against’, while Sir Alf Ramsey, who managed England’s 1966 World Cup-winning team, dubbed him ‘England’s greatest right back’.
- 5.3 The unveiling of a statue of Mr Cohen took place on Saturday 1st October 2016 at Craven Cottage to commemorate their former player’s achievements. It is displayed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of England's famous World Cup victory in 1966.



- 5.4 For many years, Mr Cohen has been a fantastic ambassador for Fulham Football club in the local community. More than £225,000 had been raised in Mr Cohen's name to benefit dementia sufferers via the Sporting Memories Network, and to improve men's health in the local community. He remains a host of his own George Cohen Lounge on match days at the Cottage, where he delights visitors with anecdotes and tales of his former playing days along with insightful analysis of the Club's most recent performances.
- 5.5 In recognition of his achievements, it is recommended that the Mr George Cohen MBE be bestowed the honour – Freeman of the Borough.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009) requires a Council by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members at a meeting of the Council, specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object, to admit 'persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the borough' as Honorary Freeman or, in the case of HM Services Units, Freedom of the Borough.
- 6.2 Implications verified by: Tasnim Shawkat, Director of Law (020 8753 2700)

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The cost of a small reception for the friends and family of Mr Cohen before the Council meeting would be met from the existing Mayor's budget
- 7.2 Implications completed by: Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny (020 8753 2499)

## **8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. The equalities implications of this decision has been considered to be neutral.
- 8.2. Implications completed by: Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny 020 8753 2499.

## **9. BUSINESS IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. There are no business implications.
- 9.2. Implications completed by: Kayode Adewumi, Head of Governance and Scrutiny 020 8753 2499.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

None.