

# COUNCIL AGENDA

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday 21 May 2025**



The Mayor – To be elected at Annual Council  
Deputy Mayor – To be appointed at Annual Council

ADDISON

Jacolyn Daly (L)  
Ross Melton (L)

AVONMORE

Laura Janes (L)  
David Morton (I)

BROOK GREEN

Stala Antoniades (L)  
Adam Peter Lang (L)

COLLEGE PARK & OLD  
OAK

Wesley Harcourt (L)  
Bora Kwon (L)  
Alexandra Sanderson (L)

CONINGHAM

Lisa Homan (L)  
Rowan Ree (L)  
Rory Vaughan (L)

FULHAM REACH

Lucy Richardson (L)  
Omid Miri (L)  
Nikos Souslous (L)

FULHAM TOWN

Victoria Brocklebank-  
Fowler (C)  
Andrew Dinsmore (C)

GROVE

Stephen Cowan (L)  
Helen Rowbottom (L)

HAMMERSMITH  
BROADWAY

Callum Nimmo (L)  
Patricia Quigley (L)

LILLIE

Sharon Holder (L)  
Lydia Paynter (L)

MUNSTER

Adronie Alford (C)  
Alex Karmel (C)  
Dominic Stanton (C)

PALACE & HURLINGHAM

Aliya Afzal-Khan (C)  
Jackie Borland (C)  
Amanda Lloyd-Harris (C)

PARSONS GREEN &  
SANDFORD

Jose Afonso (C)  
Adrian Pascu-Tulbure (C)

RAVENSCOURT

Liz Collins (L)  
Patrick Walsh (L)

SANDS END

Paul Alexander (L)  
Ashok Patel (L)  
Ann Rosenberg (L)

SHEPHERDS BUSH  
GREEN

Zarar Qayyum (L)  
Mercy Umeh (L)

WALHAM GREEN

Trey Campbell-Simon (L)  
Genevieve Nwaogbe (L)

WENDELL PARK

Rebecca Harvey (L)  
Asif Siddique (L)

WEST KENSINGTON

Daryl Brown (L)  
Florian Chevoppe-Verdier  
(L)  
Sally Taylor (L)

WHITE CITY

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

WORMHOLT

Max Schmid (L)  
Nicole Trehy (L)

# SUMMONS

Councillors of the London Borough of  
Hammersmith & Fulham  
are requested to attend the  
Special Meeting of the Council on  
Wednesday 21 May 2025  
at Novotel London West, 1 Shortlands,  
Hammersmith, W6 8DR

The Council will meet at 8.00pm or at the  
rising of Annual Council, whichever is the later

You can watch the meeting live on YouTube:

[youtube.com/hammersmithandfulham](https://www.youtube.com/hammersmithandfulham)

This meeting is open to the public, but spaces are  
limited. Please contact [David.Abbott@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:David.Abbott@lbhf.gov.uk) if  
you would like to attend.

# Full Council Agenda

21 May 2025

**Item**

**Pages**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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.

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.

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.

Councillors are not obliged to withdraw from the meeting where a dispensation to that effect has been obtained from the Standards Committee.

**3. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

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In recognition of their outstanding military service, the Council is requested to confer the "Honorary Freedom of the Borough" on The Coldstream Guards – a Regiment of the British Army.

**Report to:** Full Council

**Date:** 21/05/2025

**Subject:** Freedom of The Borough

**Report of:** The Leader of the Council – Councillor Stephen Cowan

**Responsible Director:** Grant Deg, Monitoring Officer

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### SUMMARY

In recognition of their outstanding military service, the Council is requested to confer the “Honorary Freedom of the Borough” on The Coldstream Guards – a Regiment of the British Army.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Council confer the Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham on The Coldstream Guards – a Regiment of the British Army in recognition of their gallant and outstanding military service to the Country.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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<b>Our Values</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the H&amp;F Values</b>
Creating a compassionate council	The work of the Coldstream Guards, Number 17 Company has supported engagement with local residents at several events including establishing the Armed Forces Day event at St. Paul’s Gardens in partnership with the Council.
Taking pride in H&F	Number 17 Company and the Mayor started the annual Hammersmith & Fulham Mayor’s Coldstream Guards Awards for local schools to recognise the contribution of pupils and providing events for their benefit. Voluntary work in civic life is a cornerstone of how residents and organisations are able to contribute to Civic renewal.

## **Financial Impact**

The cost of a small reception for the friends and family of the recipients will be met from the existing Mayor's budget. There are no additional financial implications of conferring the "Freedom of the Borough" of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham on the individuals.

*Alex Pygram, Head of Finance, 09/05/2025*

## **Legal Implications**

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 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", "honorary aldermen", "honorary freewoman" and "honorary alderwoman".

*Grant Deg, Director for Legal Services, 09/05/2025*

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## **Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report**

None.

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## **DETAILED ANALYSIS**

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
2. The Council supports the request that the Freedom of the Borough to be granted to The Coldstream Guards. As part of the honour, discussions are ongoing with the regiment regarding details for a Freedom Parade to be held in the very near future.

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

3. The reasons for the awards are attached as Appendix 1.
4. 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.

5. The Council may confer the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen on persons who have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the council as past members of that council, but who are not currently serving on the council.

## **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – The Coldstream Guards – a Regiment of the British Army – Statement of Support and Reasons for the Award

## **Appendix 1 – The Coldstream Guards – a Regiment of the British Army (Statement of Support and Reasons for the Award)**

The following statement is provided in support of the members of The Coldstream Guards – a Regiment of the British Army being nominated for a Freedom of the Borough award by Hammersmith & Fulham Council.

- 1.1 The Coldstream Guards is the oldest continuously serving regiment in the British Army. Part of the Household Division, the Coldstream Guards are well recognised for their role in the highest profile state ceremonial occasions but are an Infantry unit first and foremost.
- 1.2 Number 17 Company, Coldstream Guards, (Army Reserve) are based in Hammersmith, with soldiers training in their spare time for operational service within the British Army. Reservists from Number 17 Company have deployed on operations around the world, with troops currently supporting operations in Estonia and Cyprus, as well as supporting high profile events including the King's Coronation and the King's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour).
- 1.3 The Coldstream Guards is the oldest, continuously serving, regular Regiment in the British Army, with a long and distinguished history both at home and abroad in war and peace. The Regiment has consistently provided formations on deployments around the world and fought in the majority of the major conflicts in which the British Army has been engaged, distinguishing itself on numerous occasions. The Coldstream Guards have been awarded 113 Battle Honours to date, from Tangier 1680 to the Gulf 1991. 43 of these are borne on the Colours of the Regiment. Thirteen members of the Regiment have been awarded the Victoria Cross. These were awarded during The Crimean War, WWI and WWII.
- 1.4 Number 17 Company, the Reservist element of the Coldstream Guards, have been based in Hammersmith since their inception as part of the London Guards in May 2018, continuing the proud heritage of having an Infantry Army Reserve unit based in Hammersmith since 2018. In a short period of time, they have contributed consistently to state ceremonial and operational duties with their Regular counterparts. These include supporting the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and deployments to Kenya, Estonia, and Cyprus. Within the Borough, they have paraded each Remembrance Sunday at Shepherds Bush memorial and have supported engagement with the public at several events including establishing the Armed Forces Day event in St. Paul's Gardens in partnership with the Council. Number 17 Company and the Mayor also started the annual Hammersmith & Fulham Mayor's Coldstream Guards Awards for local schools to recognise the contribution of pupils and providing events for their benefit.