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**COUNCIL**

An Extraordinary meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 6 May 2026.

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Banks, (Chair), J Kabuye (Vice-Chair), D Branson, P Gavigan, E Clynch, C Cooke - Elected Mayor, J Cooke, D Coupe, T Furness, L Henman, S Hill, D Jackson, L Lewis, T Mohan, I Morrish, J Platt, S Platt, J Rostron, M Smiles and N Walker

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** T Watson, Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire

**OFFICERS:** C Benjamin, S Bonner, R Duce, T Frankland, R Horniman, S Lightwing, E Scollay, T Whitehead and A Wilson

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were submitted on behalf of Councillors I Blades, C Cooper, J Ewan, TA Grainge, B Hubbard, N Hussain, J Rush, M Saunders, P Storey, J Thompson, Z Uddin and J Young

25/122 **WELCOME AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chair welcomed all present to the Extraordinary Council meeting.

25/123 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at this point in the meeting.

25/124 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements for this meeting.

25/125 **RESOLUTION - FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

It was **MOVED** by the Mayor and **SECONDED** by Councillor Gavigan:

"That Mr Alan Peacock, who rendered eminent service to the Borough of Middlesbrough within the meaning and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, be admitted as a recipient of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Middlesbrough, in recognition and appreciation of that eminent service, the detailed particulars whereof are recorded on the Roll of Honour".

Prior to being put to the vote the Chair provided an opportunity for the Mayor, Councillor Gavigan, other Councillors and other people present, to speak in support of the Motion.

The Motion was then put to the meeting and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The Chair presented a copy of the resolution of the Council to Mr Peacock's daughter, grandson and great grandson and congratulated the family on behalf of the Council and the people of the Borough.

The Chair spoke in support of the decision to award Mr Peacock the Freedom of the Borough. The Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire also addressed the meeting and offered his congratulations to Mr Peacock's family.

Mr Peacock's daughter, Diane Symington, thanked the Council for the honour conferred and expressed her thanks and appreciation to family, friends and others present.

The Chair announced the conclusion of the formal proceedings and invited the Deputy Lieutenant, the Mayor, Councillors and invited guests to join him for refreshments.