

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

Report of:	Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer), Charlotte Benjamin
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	15 July 2026
Title:	Extraordinary Council Meeting - Resolution
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value

Proposed decision(s)

That Council resolves to:

- call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council for the purposes of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Dave Budd.
- agree that the date of the Extraordinary meeting will be determined with the approval of the Chair of Council.

Executive summary

The report seeks Council approval, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.8.5 (ii) to agree a resolution to call an Extraordinary meeting of Council for the purpose of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Dave Budd.

If Council resolve to call an Extraordinary meeting then the date of that meeting will be agreed with the Chair of the Council and arrangements will be made for a Freedom Ceremony to take place.

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions

- 1.1 To seek approval of Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.8.5 (ii) to agree a resolution to call an Extraordinary meeting of Council for the purpose of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Dave Budd.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council resolves to:

- (i) call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council for the purposes of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr David Budd.
- (ii) agree that the date of the Extraordinary meeting will be determined with the approval of the Chair of Council

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 The Council of every Borough may from time to time, by the authority of not less than two-thirds of their number present and voting at a meeting of the Council specially called for the purpose with notice of the object, admit to be Honorary Proposed Freeman of the Borough, persons of distinction and any persons who have rendered eminent services to the Borough.
- 3.2 One such person of distinction has been nominated to be admitted to be Honorary Proposed Freeman of the Borough: Dave Budd in recognition of his decades of service to the people of Middlesbrough. Dave Budd has served the town in public office for almost 30 years as Ward Councillor, Executive Member for Regeneration and Culture and Mayor of Middlesbrough.
- 3.3 Subject to approval of the recommendations set out at 2.1 in this report, suitable arrangements will be made for the Freedom Ceremony.

4. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 4.1 There is an option not to call an Extraordinary Council meeting. This is not recommended as the Freedom Ceremony could not take place.

5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	If Council agree to the Extraordinary Council meeting there will be costs associated with the Freedom Ceremony. The costs are anticipated to be approximately £1,000 and will be met directly from the Democratic Services budget
Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report requesting an Extraordinary Council meeting.
Legal	There are no legal implications as a result of this decision.
Risk	There is no impact on risk as a result of this decision.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

Climate Change / Environmental	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Data Protection	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

Appendices

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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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