

COUNCIL MEETING – 28 JULY 2021
NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 53-60

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
147	Councillor M Storey	Councillor Furness	<p>Motion: Freedom of the Borough</p> <p>“That Council, in accordance with Procedure Rule 7(a)(ii) of the constitution of Middlesbrough Council agree a resolution to call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council for the purposes of awarding the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Gareth Southgate OBE.</p> <p>After some of the most difficult and tragic 18 months this country has faced, this England football team led by Gareth Southgate has given everyone some much needed hope and joy. In difficult times, Gareth Southgate has united England with his unifying presence, leadership and quiet charisma. As a former Captain and manager of Middlesbrough Football Club, Gareth has a unique connection with our town. This Council believes it is fitting to award him the Freedom of the Borough.”</p>
148	Councillor Arundale	Councillor Waters	<p>Motion: Planning Applications</p> <p>“The MIG Group ask that this Council support the House of Commons cross party agreement in stating we believe planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes, and therefore call on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications. ”</p>
149	Councillor Mason	Councillor Coupe	<p><u>Motion: Middlesbrough for City Status Motion:</u></p> <p>As part of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations to mark her 70 years on the throne, local authorities are being given the opportunity to enter a competition to be granted official city status. This civic honors competition will grant local authorities this opportunity for the first time in 10 years.</p>

			<p>Middlesbrough is a town with a long and colourful history, perhaps most famous for its world-renowned iron and steel industry which has contributed to many projects around the world. Gladstone famously referred to us as ‘The Infant Hercules’ and our motto is ‘Erimus’ meaning ‘we shall be’. We should not only be immensely proud of this history and heritage but, like our motto indicates, do everything we can to build on it moving forward.</p> <p>We have a world class hospital, respected university and educational establishments, proud football club with an international fan base and so very much more. We have also always been a place that is welcoming to all. As it stands, we are one of the biggest metropolitan areas in the country without a city at its heart – and one of the biggest towns in the country without city status.</p> <p>By entering this competition to become a city, we have a chance to build on our legacy and open a new chapter. If Middlesbrough was to become a city it would almost certainly become a more attractive destination to future investors, encourage job creation and help share our town’s story further still.</p> <p>But regardless of our thoughts as Conservative councillors, the most important thing to consider is that there is clear support from residents in Middlesbrough to submit an application for city status. This was demonstrated by a recent poll held by the council where residents overwhelmingly backed making a submission. We think it’s only right that we listen to the people and act on their behalf.</p> <p>This council therefore resolves:</p> <p>That a formal bid should be submitted by this Council on behalf of the people of Middlesbrough to be granted official city status.</p>
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