

Special Council Meeting

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 14th October, 2010
Time:	7.00pm or at the rising of the Ordinary Council Meeting
Venue:	Congleton Town Hall, High Street, Congleton

The agenda is divided into two parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

3. **Freedom of the Borough - The Mercian Regiment**

At the Council meeting on 27 May 2010, the Mayor submitted a motion to grant Freedom of the Borough to the 1st Battalion the Mercian Regiment. The motion was submitted to the Civic Sub-Committee and the Constitution Committee.

The Assistant Regimental Secretary had requested that the Freedom be granted to "The Mercian Regiment", rather than the 1st Battalion as they wished to be recognised as a whole Regiment, rather than a federation of Battalions. The Constitution Committee, therefore, recommended that Freedom of the Borough be granted to the Mercian Regiment.

Recommended

That pursuant to the powers contained in the Local Government Act 1972, the Council grant Freedom of Entry to the Borough to the Mercian Regiment and admit the Regiment to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Borough, in recognition of the long and close association between the Cheshire East area and the Regiment and confer upon the Regiment the right, privilege and honour of marching through the streets of Cheshire East on ceremonial occasions, with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying.

(A programme of events relating to the granting of the Freedom of the Borough will be circulated to Members, shortly).