



Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Time and Date

11.00 am on Thursday, 14th July, 2022

Place

Coventry Cathedral

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

Item for Consideration

3. **Conferring the Freedom of the City on University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust** (Pages 3 - 8)

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

Julie Newman, Director of Law and Governance, Council House, Coventry

Wednesday, 6 July 2022

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Extraordinary Meeting of the City Council

14 July 2022

Names of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Policy and Leadership): Councillor G Duggins

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Law and Governance

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title:

Conferring the Freedom of the City on University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

The Council is asked to confer the Freedom of the City on University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Recommendations:

In order to recognise the incredible work that NHS colleagues have done across the city to combat the Covid 19 pandemic and to show the City's appreciation, it is recommended:- :

1. That the City Council confers the Freedom of the City on University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust and that the following formal resolution, in traditional script, be passed:

"That the Council of the City of Coventry, being deeply sensible of the exceptional and outstanding service given by NHS colleagues across the city to combat the Covid 19 pandemic, and being desirous of recognising the commitment, devotion and compassion of those involved in the delivery of health services; and expressing appreciation, support and admiration for the achievements of the diverse teams of clinical professionals and support staff, do confer upon University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust the Freedom of the City."

2. That an Illuminated Minute under the Common Seal of the Council be presented for display at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust as a symbolic gesture of the value of the conferment.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 14 July 2022

Report title: Conferring the Freedom of the City on University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust

1. Context

- 1.1 Over the last two years, the Covid 19 pandemic has presented the country, Coventry and its communities with unpredictable and unprecedented challenges.
- 1.2 Covid has affected communities, businesses, organisations, families and friends across the city in many different ways. It has been a time of loss, sacrifice, hardship, struggle and challenge; the impact of Covid will continue to be felt long into the future.
- 1.3 However, this has also been a time when communities and individuals across the city have shown selflessness, heroism and sacrifice and worked together to face this new challenge together. The city can look forward to the next chapter in its history with confidence as a result of the actions of so many.
- 1.4 People across the city from all walks of life have shown incredible courage and compassion, and this is particularly true of the health and care workers and those on frontline who have risked their own lives to save others.
- 1.5 All partners across the Coventry and Warwickshire health and care system have worked together during this unprecedented time. The staff at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust have at many times been the focal point of this in the city. They dealt with the uncertainties in the extremely difficult early days of the pandemic as it unfolded. They learned and adapted as understanding of Covid developed, taking on different tasks, working in new ways and making sacrifices to continue to provide care for the community they serve. The staff have earned the respect of people across the city and beyond.
- 1.6 The city is proud that the hospital site in Coventry was chosen to be the NHS site where the first Covid 19 vaccination in the world was given.
- 1.7 NHS colleagues continue to rise to the ongoing challenges and today, we can look ahead to happier, healthier times, and that is thanks to them.

2. Options Considered and Recommended Proposals

- 2.1 In recognition of the incredible work that NHS colleagues have done across the city to combat the is dreadful Covid 19 pandemic and to show our appreciation, it is recommended that the City Council confers the Freedom of the City on University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.
- 2.2 An Illuminated Minute under the Common Seal of the Council will be presented for display at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust as a symbolic gesture of the value of the conferment.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 The Leader of the City Council announced his intention to put this recommendation to Council at the Council meeting of 21 January 2021 with the support of the Lord Mayor and the Leader of the Conservative Group.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 Members of staff from University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust and guests have been invited to this Extraordinary General Meeting of the City Council to mark the conferring of the Freedom of the City.

5. Comments from the Chief Operating Officer (section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are one-off financial implications arising from this report, predominantly the costs associated with the customary ceremonial occasion to mark the privilege. These include:

- Costs associated with the EGM and reception
- Illuminated minute
- A plaque for display at University Hospital Coventry

These costs will be met from the civic budgets.

5.2 Legal implications

The recommendations are in accordance with the provisions set out in the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan?

Improving the quality of life for local people is at the heart of the One Coventry Council Plan and the recommendations in this report recognise the contribution made particularly to improving health and well-being and protecting our most vulnerable people.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Not applicable.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

There is a one-off financial impact which will be met from within the budgets allocated to the Lord Mayor's office.

6.4 Equalities / EIA?

None

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

The recommendations acknowledge the contribution of one of the city's key partner organisations.

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