

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 14 July 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor M Hammon (Chair)

Councillor F Abbott	Councillor A Khan
Councillor N Akhtar	Councillor R Lakha
Councillor P Akhtar	Councillor M Lapsa
Councillor M Ali	Councillor J Lepoidevin
Councillor A Andrews	Councillor A Lucas
Councillor M Auluck	Councillor P Male
Councillor R Auluck	Councillor K Maton
Councillor S Bains	Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor L Bigham	Councillor C Miks
Councillor J Birdi	Councillor H Noonan
Councillor J Blundell	Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor R Brown	Councillor E Ruane
Councillor K Caan	Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor D Chater	Councillor P Seaman
Councillor J Clifford	Councillor B Singh
Councillor G Duggins	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor D Galliers	Councillor K Taylor
Councillor D Gannon	Councillor R Thay
Councillor A Gingell	Councillor S Thomas
Councillor L Harvard	Councillor P Townshend
Councillor D Kershaw	Councillor S Walsh
Councillor T Khan	Councillor D Welsh

Honorary Aldermen J. Gazey, J Wright

Apologies: Councillor R Bailey, G Crookes, J Innes, R Lancaster, K Mulhall, J Mutton, M Mutton, T Skipper and H Sweet

Public Business

33. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

34. Honorary Freeman of the City of Coventry to Mr Ratan N Tata GBE and Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KB CBE

The City Council considered a report of the Executive Director of Resources which recommended that the Council confer the title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Coventry upon Mr Ratan N. Tata, GBE, and Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya, KB, CBE and for an appropriate ceremonial event to be arranged on a date to be determined to mark the occasion.

Mr. Ratan N. Tata is Chairman Emeritus of Tata Group, which he joined in 1962 and served as the Chairman at Tata Industries Ltd. from 1981 to December 28, 2012. Mr Tata was responsible for transforming Tata Motors Ltd. into a Group

strategy “think-tank” and a promoter of new ventures in high technology businesses.

Professor Lord Bhattacharyya is the Founder and Chairman of Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG) a unique academic group with a current annual programme of over £180 million which includes industrial and in-kind support. From WMG's inception to the present day, Professor Lord Bhattacharyya has been a passionate advocate for academic engineering, with WMG being a beacon of manufacturing R&D and business education for 34 years.

RESOLVED that the City Council agree:

- 1. That, pursuant to the powers conferred on the City Council by Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the City Council admit Mr Ratan N. Tata GBE and Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KB CBE as Honorary Freemen of the City of Coventry in recognition of the investment of Tata Steel into Jaguar Land Rover which has enhanced and protected the status of car manufacturing in the region, the Jaguar Land Rover brand and particularly the employment of its employees and many subsidy suppliers, supported by the Warwick Manufacturing Group.**
- 2. That the Lord Mayor's Office be requested to make suitable arrangements, on a date to be fixed later this year, for the celebration of the admission to the Honorary Freedom of the City to include the presentation to them of an Illuminated Address and, under the Common Seal, a copy of the Resolution set out above.**

(Meeting closed at 2.15 pm)