

2 April 2026

Dear Members

Extraordinary Council Meeting

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary meeting of the Council will be held in the **Council Chamber, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford** on **Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7.00pm** to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.



Tim Clegg
Chief Executive

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 APRIL 2026

Mayor, Councillor Jenny Barron

AGENDA

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Agenda Item 3

Freedom of the Borough

Committee:	Extraordinary Council
Date of Meeting:	14 April 2026
Report of:	Head of Law and Governance
Portfolio:	Leader of the Council

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To propose the granting of Freedom of the Borough to Alderman Jack Kemp and Sir Ian Dudson KCVO CBE and Lady Jane Dudson.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That this Council resolves to grant Freedom of the Borough of Stafford to Alderman Jack Kemp, Sir Ian Dudson KCVO CBE and Lady Jane Dudson in recognition of their services to the Borough.
- 2.2 That Alderman Jack Kemp, Sir Ian Dudson KCVO CBE and Lady Jane Dudson be presented with an appropriate address recording their admission as Freemen and Freewoman of the Borough of Stafford.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.3 To recognise the services and contributions given by these individuals to the Borough of Stafford.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The Council has powers to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. This may be granted where, in the opinion of the Council, people or organisations have rendered eminent services to the Borough.
- 3.2 It is proposed that this honour be conferred upon Alderman Jack Kemp, Sir Ian Dudson KCVO CBE and Lady Jane Dudson in recognition of their services to the Borough.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Leading and Delivering for our communities. Health and Wellbeing.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 The Council has powers to confer Honorary Freedom of the Borough under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. This provides that the Council may, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, admit to be Honorary Freeman of the Borough persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.

- 5.2 Alderman Jack Kemp has given long and continued support to the Borough over the 50 years he was a Member of Stafford Borough Council from 1973-2023. During this time, he was Leader of the Council from 1999-2003 and served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of numerous committees and working groups. He made an outstanding contribution to the civic life of the Borough and held the position of Mayor in 1989-1990. On his retirement, he was granted the position of Honorary Alderman in 2023 in recognition of his contribution to the Borough Council and the community.

- 5.3 Sir Ian Dudson KCVO CBE has given exceptional service and made an outstanding contribution to the local community, organisations and charities during his long and dedicated commitment to the area. He served as a Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire, High Sheriff of Staffordshire and was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire from 2012-2025. Sir Ian was appointed Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) in the 2025 New Year's Honours In recognition of his dedicated service the Crown and community.

Lady Jane Dudson has played an important role with her unwavering support during his long and distinguished service, which she carried out with modesty and charm that made everyone feel at ease.

- 5.4 It is proposed that appropriate addresses will be commissioned and presented at a future Council meeting.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

Costs of the address (Scrolls) £1,075.96

6.2 Legal

As set out in the report

6.3 Human Resources

Nil

6.4 Risk Management

Nil

6.5 Equalities and Diversity

Nil

6.6 Health

Nil

6.7 Climate Change

Nil

7 Appendices

None

8 Previous Consideration

None

9 Background Papers

None

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Ward Interest: All

Report Track: Extraordinary Council 14 April 2026 (Only)

Key Decision: N/A