



**Nottingham  
City Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL at the Council House, Nottingham, on Monday 13 June 2011 at the rising of the ordinary Council meeting to transact the following business:

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interests
- 3 To consider a report of the Deputy Leader on granting Freedom of the City to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) and the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron

Dated 2 June 2011

Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Resources

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**To: All Councillors of Nottingham City Council**

# **EXTRAORDINARY CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2011**

## **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER**

### **FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

#### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report requests full Council to grant Freedom of the City to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) and to extend the Freedom of the City granted to RAF Newton to now include the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron (EMUAS).

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That this Council, by virtue of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, wishing to continue to recognise and foster the close association between the City and the regiment, hereby confers upon the 73<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Regiment (Volunteers), the Freedom of Entry to the City and thereby the right to march through the streets of the City on all ceremonial occasions.
- 2.2 That this Council, by virtue of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, being aware of the grant of Freedom of Entry to RAF Newton in 1970, and wishing to continue to recognise and foster the close association between the City and the regiments, hereby extends the Freedom of Entry to the City to include the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron and thereby the right to march through the streets of the City on all ceremonial occasions.

#### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 3.1 To continue the long and close links between the regiments and the City of Nottingham.
- 3.2 The granting of Freedom of the City, in the form of marching through the City, is greatly appreciated by the Armed Forces. Freedom marches are a way of showing support to, and welcoming home local troops when they arrive back from active operation. It can often raise morale for the troops and is a way for citizens to show their appreciation.

## **4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 None.

## **5 BACKGROUND**

### **5.1 EMUAS**

EMUAS already hold a Freedom scroll from the City, it was granted to RAF Newton on 5 January 1970 in recognition of the long association between the Station and Nottingham. EMUAS was the only flying squadron based at RAF Newton and as the station began to draw down the scroll was passed to EMUAS to keep the association between the RAF and the City. When RAF Newton finally closed in 2000, EMUAS retained the scroll in their Town Headquarters in Beeston, by Nottingham University.

Nottingham University Air Squadron was founded on 26 February 1941 and in the 1960s was renamed EMUAS in recognition of its involvement with, and recruitment from other universities in the East Midlands. Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University still provide the majority of their students. When the Squadron was formed it was granted the old Nottingham observatory on Broadgate in Beeston as its Town Head Quarters and this is where the Squadron is still based today; the only one of the 14 University Air Squadrons still in its original Head Quarters. The Squadron has indicated that it would be honoured if the Freedom granted to RAF Newton (and therefore partly to EMUAS) could be extended wholly to EMUAS.

### **5.2 73<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Regiment (Volunteers)**

The Regiment was established in 1969 and it has always had its Regimental Head Quarters in Nottingham. Its current location is the TA Centre, Wigman Road, Bilborough.

Around 20 regiment personnel, drawn mainly from Nottingham, but also elsewhere in the East Midlands, went to Afghanistan in March 2011, to join 24 Commando Engineers.

**6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 6.1 The financial implications for the marches taking place will be met through existing budget provisions.

**7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

- 7.1 The risks associated with marches through the City will be addressed as the requests for marches to take place arise. This would include the provision of barriers, sealing of bins and drains, stewarding and road closures.

**8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out as this report does not include proposals to fundamentally change policies, services or functions.

**9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

- 9.1 None.

**10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 10.1 Minutes of full Council dated 5 January 1970.

**COUNCILLOR GRAHAM CHAPMAN  
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

