

# *Report*



**FREEDOM OF THE CITY – MR. JAMES MONTGOMERY BEM AND MR. JOHN HAYS**

**Joint report of the Chief Executive and Head of Law and Governance**

At its meeting on 23 March 2016 the Council agreed to the conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Mr. James Montgomery BEM and Mr. John Hays and that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council be convened at which to hold the formal ceremony.

The Council is, therefore, invited to formally confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Mr. James Montgomery BEM and Mr. John Hays by passing the following resolutions; namely:-

- (i) that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Mr. James Montgomery BEM, as a token of the honour and esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Sunderland and in recognition of the example of achievement he sets to the city's young people, and his personal contribution to the wellbeing of the city and people of Sunderland; and
- (ii) that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Mr. John Hays, as a token of the honour and esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Sunderland and in recognition of the example of achievement he sets, and his personal contribution to the economic wellbeing of the city and people of Sunderland.

