



CITY HALL,
SUNDERLAND
24 February 2023

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Sunderland City Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA** on **WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023** at **6.30 p.m.** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business:-

1. **To read the Notice convening the meeting.**
2. **Receipt of Declarations of Interest (if any).**
3. **Apologies.**
4. **Honorary Freedom of the City – Gary Bennett MBE, Stephanie Darby MBE, Jill Scott MBE – Report of the Chief Executive (copy herewith).**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Melia".

PATRICK MELIA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

It is intended that the meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel at - <https://youtube.com/live/pOBpio0TS90?feature=share>

Report

HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY - GARY BENNETT MBE, STEPHANIE DARBY MBE, JILL SCOTT MBE

Report of the Chief Executive

At its meeting on 16 November 2022 the Council agreed to the conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Gary Bennett MBE, Stephanie Darby MBE and Jill Scott MBE and that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council be convened at which to hold the formal ceremony.

The Council is, therefore, formally invited to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Gary Bennett MBE, Stephanie Darby MBE and Jill Scott MBE by passing the following resolutions; namely:-

- (i) that in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Gary Bennett MBE, in recognition of the example of commitment and achievement he sets in combatting racism in football and as an ambassador for Sunderland and role model for young people;
- (ii) that in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Stephanie Darby MBE, in recognition of the example of commitment and achievement she sets in women's sport and as an ambassador for Sunderland and role model for young people; and
- (iii) that in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Jill Scott MBE, in recognition of the example of commitment and achievement she sets in women's sport and as an ambassador for Sunderland and role model for young people.

