

## FREEDOM OF THE CITY – MONSIEUR JOËL BATTEUX, MAYOR OF ST NAZAIRE, OBE AND MR NIALL QUINN MBE

## **Report of the Chief Executive**

At its meeting on 25 September 2013 the Council agreed to the conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the City upon Monsieur Joël Batteux, Mayor of St Nazaire, OBE and Mr Niall Quinn MBE 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 Monsieur Joël Batteux, Mayor of St Nazaire, OBE and Mr Niall Quinn MBE 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 Monsieur Joël Batteux, Mayor of St Nazaire, OBE as a token of the honour and esteem in which he is held by the Citizens of Sunderland and in recognition of his longstanding commitment to the town twinning relationship between Sunderland and Saint-Nazaire throughout his time as Mayor and his significant work with British veterans, 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 Niall Quinn MBE as a token of the honour and esteem in which he is held by the Citizens of Sunderland and in recognition of his outstanding contributions to football, charitable causes and the well-being of young people within the City.

Chief Executive.