



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

Provost J McMillan (Convener)
Councillor S Akhtar
Councillor S Currie
Councillor F Dugdale
Councillor J Findlay
Councillor A Forrest
Councillor N Gilbert
Councillor N Hampshire
Councillor C Hoy
Councillor J Henderson

Councillor W Innes
Councillor S Kempson
Councillor G Mackett
Councillor K Mackie
Councillor C McGinn
Councillor P McLennan
Councillor K McLeod
Councillor F O'Donnell
Councillor T Trotter
Councillor J Williamson

Council Officials Present:

Mrs A Leitch, Chief Executive
Ms M Patterson, Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)
Ms A McDonald, Director of Health and Social Care
Mr J Lamond, Head of Council Resources
Mr D Proudfoot, Head of Development
Mr T Reid, Head of Infrastructure
Mr S Cooper, Team Manager – Communications
Mr C Grilli, Service Manager – Legal and Procurement
Mrs K MacNeill, Service Manager – People and Governance

Visitors Present:

None

Clerk:

Mrs L Gillingwater

Apologies:

Councillor J Goodfellow

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. OUTCOME OF THE BY-ELECTION IN THE HADDINGTON AND LAMMERMUIR WARD

The Chief Executive advised that Craig Hoy, Scottish Conservative Party, had been elected to represent the Haddington and Lammermuir Ward at the by-election of 9 May 2019. In her capacity as Returning Officer, she paid tribute to all political parties for a respectfully fought campaign.

On behalf of the Council, the Provost congratulated Councillor Hoy and welcomed him to his first meeting of the Council.

The political group leaders congratulated Councillor Hoy and welcomed him to the Council. They also commended the work of the Returning Officer and the staff involved in administering the by-election.

Councillor Hoy thanked Members for their welcome to the Council, noting that he looked forward to working with them. He thanked Councillor Henderson for her support throughout the campaign.

2. GRANTING THE FREEDOM OF EAST LOTHIAN TO THE LOTHIAN AND BORDER YEOMANRY

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services) seeking the Council's approval to grant the Freedom of East Lothian to Lothians and Border Yeomanry.

Councillor McMillan welcomed the report, drawing Members' attention to the links between the Lothians and Border Yeomanry and Dunbar. He made reference to the rededication ceremony [which would take place on 6 July 2019], and called on the Council to support the proposal to grant the Freedom of East Lothian to the Lothians and Border Yeomanry.

Councillor Hampshire also spoke of the strong links between the Yeomanry and Dunbar, noting that the Yeomanry was represented at the annual Armistice service in the town. He voiced his support for the proposal. Councillors McLennan, Kempson and Innes echoed the comments made and were supportive of the proposal.

Decision

The Council agreed to grant the Freedom of East Lothian to Lothians and Border Yeomanry.

Signed

Provost John McMillan
Convener of the Council