

# ITEM 3a

Time commenced - 6.03pm

Time finished - 6.06pm

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 21 November 2018**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Carr, and Councillors Afzal, Ashburner, Barker, Bayliss, Bettany, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Jackson, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, Marshall, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Peatfield, A Pegg, P Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Raju, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Stanton, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby and Wood.

### **62/18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Anderson and Winter

### **63/18 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

### **64/18 Honorary Freedom of the City**

A report of the Chief Executive was considered. It reported that Honorary Freedom of the City is the most prestigious honour that can be bestowed upon an unelected person by the council. Cities across the United Kingdom are able to grant this honour to a worthy recipient following a decision of Council. Following a motion passed at the meeting on 27 September 2018, councillors were asked to confer on Mr Reg Harrison the Honorary Freedom of the City of Derby under powers vested upon the authority under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was reported that Mr Harrison is the last surviving member of Derby County's FA Cup winning team of 1946. On their route to the final, Derby defeated Luton Town, West Bromwich Albion, Brighton and Hove Albion, Aston Villa and Birmingham City. They beat Charlton Athletic 4-1 after extra-time in the final at Wembley on 27 April 1946. During their cup run, a cumulative total attendance of 500,000 people were recorded.

Born in Normanton, Reg Harrison originally played for the non-league team Derby Corinthians while working as a decorator. He signed for Derby County aged 16, turning professional in 1944 while also serving in the Army. He also made guest wartime appearances for Sheffield United, Notts County, Charlton Athletic and Hartlepool United.

During a distinguished career with the Rams, playing on the right wing, Reg Harrison scored 59 goals in 281 games in all competitions. He later played for Boston United before returning to Derbyshire to join Long Eaton United, where he became player

manager. He also managed local team Wilmorton & Alvaston as well as Alfreton Town.

Mr Harrison later worked for this authority's Youth Service, establishing the Youth Centre on Stockbrook Recreation Ground in the late 1960s known simply as "Reg's". He later moved to Chaddesden, where he established Chesapeake Youth Club and football club.

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved:**

- 1) To confer on Mr Reg Harrison the Honorary Freedom of the City of Derby under powers vested upon the authority under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972;**
- 2) To note that contact would be made with Mr Harrison in order for a civic reception to be arranged when he would receive the honour from the Mayor of Derby.**

MAYOR