

Time commenced - 6.00 pm  
Time finished - 6.13 pm

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Latham)  
Councillors Ahern, Afzal, Allen, Banwait, Baxter, Bayliss, Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhamrait, Dhindsa, Gerrard, Ginns, Graves, Grimadell, Harbon, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hird, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, R Khan, S Khan, Leeming, Lowe, Marshall, Mitchell, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Richards, Roberts, Skelton, Smalley, Troup, Turner, Webb, Williams, Willoughby, Williamson, Winter, Wood.

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jennings and Tittley.

### Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

36/07 Notice of Motion – Honorary Freedom of the City – The Mercian Regiment

**Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor (Councillor Latham):**

- (1) That this Council, by virtue of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, being aware of the grant of Freedom of Entry to the former Borough of Derby to The Sherwood Foresters Regiment in 1946 and its subsequent extension to The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment upon their merger in 1970, and noting that Regiment's further merger on 1 September 2007 to create The Mercian Regiment, and wishing to continue to recognise and foster the close association between the City and The Regiment, hereby confers upon The Mercian Regiment, the Freedom of Entry to the City and thereby the right to march through the streets of the City on all ceremonial occasions, with bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying.**

- (2) That the Mayor be asked to write to the Commanding Officer of the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Mercian Regiment (Worcesters and Foresters), currently serving in Afghanistan, to extend the Council's best wishes for a safe and successful tour of duty.**

(The above resolution was passed unanimously and, therefore, met the requirements of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.)

### 37/07 Announcements from the Mayor

The Council stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of seven members of the Mercian Regiment who had lost their lives on active service recently.

The Mayor said that she had attended a ceremony marking the creation of the Mercian Regiment in Tamworth Castle on 1 September 2007. She had also been presented with a plaque at a ceremony in Derby on 3 September 2007.