

**COUNCIL**  
13th May 2010

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Barker, Burton, G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Chapman, Copeland, Curry, Davies, Dixon, Dunstone, Francis, Freitag, Galletley, Harker, Haszeldine, Hughes, Jenkinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Maddison, McEwan, Nutt, Regan, Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Swainston, Swift, Thistlethwaite, Vasey, and Williams. (40)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Armstrong, L. Haszeldine, Lawton, Newall, Nicholson, Roberts, Robson, Wallis and York. (9)

**ABSENT** – Councillors Coultas, Hartley, Stenson and Walker. (4)

**62. RENEWAL OF FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH** – The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to the renewal of the Freedom of the Borough, previously conferred by the Council on the Light Infantry, to their successors, The Rifles.

The submitted report stated that the renewal of the Freedom of the Borough coincided with a proposal to have a ‘Freedom March’ through the Town Centre’ on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to welcome The Rifles Regiment’s return to the UK from operations abroad. The submitted report highlighted that Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 required that the Council passed an appropriate resolution (passed by not less than two thirds of the Members present voting) that conferred the Freedom of the Borough at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the Freedom of the Borough of Darlington be conferred on The Rifles Regiment.

(b) That expenditure of £10,000 for the Ceremony, provision of a Scroll and a Reception for The Rifles Regiment, and for a Reception for the homecoming parade later in the year for the 4<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Brigade, be approved.

(Note – The above decision was unanimous)

**REASON** – (a) To continue links with the successor organisation to the Light Infantry.

(b) To comply with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.