

*Freedom of the Borough of*  
**MIDDLESBROUGH**

**Mr. JOHN ROBERT FOSTER**  
**O.B.E.**



Local Government Act 1972

*Admission to the*

*Honorary Freedom  
of the Borough*

**Mr. JOHN ROBERT FOSTER**  
**O.B.E.**

*at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6th February 1996*



Order of Proceedings on the admission of

**Mr. John Robert Foster O.B.E.**

to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough

on Tuesday 6th February 1996 at Seven O'Clock in the evening.

1. The Members of the Council and the Guests will be seated in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough prior to 7.00 p.m.
2. The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Kenn. J. Hall) preceded by the Mace will take his seat.
3. The Mayor will call upon the Director of Legal and Administrative Services to read the Notice convening the special meeting of the Council.
4. The Mayor will call upon Councillor K. Walker to propose and Councillor E. Grace to second a Resolution to admit Mr. John Robert Foster O.B.E. to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.
5. After the resolution has been proposed and seconded it may be spoken to by other Members of the Council.
6. The Mayor will put the Resolution to the Meeting, and after the same has been declared carried, the Director of Legal and Administrative Services will read the Oath of the Freedom as follows:

*"Will you John Robert Foster, swear to be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, as a free and franchised person of this Borough?"*

*Will you preserve the peace and tranquillity of the said Borough, and will you disclose to the Mayor for the time being details of any unlawful meetings or assemblies which come to your attention?*

*Will you do all in your power to contribute to the good government and safety of the said Borough and the inhabitants thereof?*

*Will you also defend the customs and privileges of this Borough in every just and lawful cause?*

**SO HELP YOU GOD."**

7. John Robert Foster O.B.E. will signify acceptance of the Oath by replying, **I WILL**. The Mayor will then invite him to sign a copy of the Oath and the Roll of Admissions of Freedom. The Signature will be witnessed by the Mayor and the Director of Legal and Administrative Services.
8. After the signing of the Roll, the Mayor will present a sealed and illuminated copy of the resolution inscribed on vellum, together with a casket, and will offer congratulations on behalf of the Corporation and People of the Borough.
9. The Mayoress will present a bouquet to Mrs. Foster.
10. John Robert Foster O.B.E. will reply.
11. The Director of Legal and Administrative Services will report the receipt of any communications.
12. At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, the Mayor will leave the Town Hall.
13. An Invitation is extended to the Members of the Council and Guests to then adjourn to the Crypt for Supper.

February 1996

JOHN H. METHERINGHAM  
Director of Legal and Administrative Services



Whereas at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Middlesbrough convened in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and held in the Municipal Buildings in the said Borough on the sixth day of February 1996.

It was Unanimously Resolved that the Council do confer upon

### **John Robert Foster, O.B.E.**

The Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Middlesbrough in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him to the said Borough during a long public career in so many capacities; particularly recognising the services he has rendered as Chief Executive of Middlesbrough Borough Council from 1973 to 1995; recalling particularly his dedicated services during a period of economic, social and cultural change; the development of Coulby Newham; pursuit of public and private sector partnerships, including Urban Programme schemes, City Challenge and Teesside Tomorrow and links with the University of Teesside and acknowledging generally the many achievements of the Borough which reflect great credit upon Members of the Council, employees, volunteers and the local community.

This is to certify that John Robert Foster has been admitted to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough in pursuance of the aforesaid Resolution on this the sixth day of February 1996.

Given under the Common Seal

Mayor

Chief Executive

Director of Legal and Administrative Services



# MEMBERS of the COUNCIL

The Worshipful the Mayor • Councillor K. J. Hall

The Deputy Mayor • Councillor R. G. Regan

Councillor M. Barker  
Councillor I. Berryman  
Councillor K. E. M. Bevington  
Councillor S. E. Bloundele  
Councillor E. Bolland, J.P.  
Councillor R. K. Brady  
Councillor J. Brunton  
Councillor C. D. W. Budd  
Councillor M. Carr  
Councillor M. J. Carr  
Councillor S. J. Cass, B.A., M.A.  
Councillor G. B. Clark, J.P.  
Councillor G. Connolly  
Councillor S. C. Connolly  
Councillor J. B. Coppinger  
Councillor E. N. Dryden  
Councillor W. Ferrier M.B.E.  
Councillor L. J. Garrett B.A. Dip. Ed.  
Councillor F. Gill  
Councillor S. Gill  
Councillor C. Godfrey  
Councillor E. Grace  
Councillor S. A. Grace  
Councillor K. Hall  
Councillor S. Holt  
Councillor K. E. Johnson  
Councillor O. Johnson J.P.  
Councillor J. Jones  
Councillor W. J. R. Kerr  
Councillor A. Kumar B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.  
Councillor A. Lancaster  
Councillor R. Lowes M. Inst. M.  
Councillor T. W. Mawston J.P.  
Councillor A. J. McDonald  
Councillor J. Michna B.A. (Hons.)  
Councillor C. B. Morrish  
Councillor P. Murphy  
Councillor R. Pitt  
Councillor F. Platt  
Councillor Miss G. Popple  
Councillor M. T. Pritchard J.P.  
Councillor C. E. Robson  
Councillor R. Smith  
Councillor P. A. Southon  
Councillor H. Stephenson  
Councillor B. E. Taylor  
Councillor B. A. Thompson  
Councillor P. Thompson  
Councillor K. Walker  
Councillor L. Wilson



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