

Report No. TC04517 Appendix: G Agenda Item No. 11	Council  Date of Meeting: 13/09/2017
<b>Oakham Town Council</b>	
Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe	Title: FREEMAN
Subject: Bestow the Honorary Freedom of the Town upon Sir Laurence	
Strategic Aim No. 1. Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups. 2. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay. (Through press coverage)	

The Town Council under the Local Government Act 1972, s.249 Honorary Titles, Power to admit to be honorary freeman / freewomen of the Council's area persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.

Sir Laurence Howard KCVO OBE was appointed in 2003 as the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland. Having served as a Deputy Lieutenant since 1997. He is a former chairman of the Central Council of Magistrates' Courts Committees, serving on the bench in Leicestershire for 25 years.

Sir Laurence is also involved in numerous Charities and Organisations in the County of Rutland and is due to retire from the role of Lord Lieutenant next year. In recognition of his service to the County of Rutland the Town Council are being asked to bestow the honor upon him at a joint ceremony with Rutland County Council in 2018.

The cost by Thomas Fattorini Ltd price to supply a pair of bespoke printed scrolls, complete with ribbons and seal and framed will be kept at their 2015 price of £500.00 nett.

The reception cost may also be jointly funded and this needs to be further explored.

Decisions:

- (1) The Council agree to bestow the honour of the Freeman of the Town upon Sir Laurence Howard. (Note the Council must have a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority in favour at this vote)
- (2) The Council set up a working group consisting of the Clerk and two Councillors to manage the detail, reporting back progress to the Council.
- (3) A budget of up to £1500 is approved