

NOMINATION FOR FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

1. Name of the person or organisation being nominated for Freedom of the Borough.

Cllr David Simpson CBE

2. Freedom of the Borough is a high honour which should only be awarded in exceptional circumstances where the prospective recipient is an individual or organisation of distinction and has rendered eminent services to the borough.

Candidates should have a strong and continuing connection with and commitment to Merton or have made a major contribution to national life and in doing so have enhanced the reputation of the borough.

Candidates should have made a substantial contribution to the borough in any area of activity, which could include:

- artistic and cultural endeavours
- business, economic growth and prosperity
- charitable work
- improvement to the built and natural environment
- religious and spiritual life
- sports activities
- civic service

The award may be granted posthumously.

3. The award of the Freedom of the Borough requires support of 2/3 of Council. Nominations should therefore first be discussed within your political group and, where appropriate, with other group leaders. In your opinion, is the nomination likely to achieve the required 2/3 support at Council?

YES

NO

- 4. Please use the box below to outline your nominee's outstanding achievements in the Borough or on the international stage which have brought pride and satisfaction to the Borough. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.**

Cllr Simpson has been a Hillside councillor since 2002. During the last Conservative administration between 2006 and 2010 Cllr Simpson was both Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and then for the Environment where he delivered the rollout of the weekly food waste collection service across Merton.

In addition to serving in the Shadow Cabinet Cllr Simpson is the Vice Chairman of the Borough Licensing Committee. Cllr Simpson was appointed CBE for Political and Public Service in the New Years Honours list in 1993.

- 5. Nomination submitted by:**

Councillor_Nick McLean Date 24/2/22

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