

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

18 December 2008 at 7.30pm

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J Broadhead) in the Chair

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors A Alderson, Prof I O Angell, Mrs F M Angell, J R Ashmore, Mrs F J Barden, Mrs P I Broadhead, J Broadhead, M J Brown, H A Butterfield, D A Cotty, A J Davis, Mrs R M Denby, R J Edis, J M Edwards, P A Francis, J R Furey, Mrs C E Gant, Mrs E Gill, Mrs L M Gillham, D R Hamilton, Mrs M T Harnden, Miss M N Heath, R N Jones, C Knight, M T Kusneraitis, Mrs Y P Lay, H W V Meares, Prof A M Moore, C J Norman, D W Parr, L C Pouyanne, Mrs M Roberts, P I Roberts, N Stewert, A P Tollett, P B Tuley, P J Waddell, J J Wilson, and G B Woodger

Members of the  
Council absent:

Councillors C Chapman, A Mills, and J W C Perschke

392. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Chapman, Mills and Perschke.

393. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 249(5) FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO BOROUGH OF RUNNYMEDE

Council gave consideration to the granting of Freedom of Entry to the Borough to 94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron, which was one of three squadrons that formed part of 95 Signal Regiment. 886 Troop, the Chertsey Unit, was part of 94 Signal Squadron.

The Mayor welcomed Capt Neville McMillan of the 886 Troop and thanked Mr David Wheeler (Vice-Chairman of the Chertsey Society and a local historian) for providing a history of the Unit, which had been used as the basis of a background document for Members.

This year was the centenary year of the Territorial Army and the Council wished to mark the long association of the local Unit with the town of Chertsey and show its appreciation of the services rendered to the country by its members in hazardous deployments throughout the world.

On the Motion of Councillor Furey, seconded by Councillor Tuley, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED that -**

- i) in recognition of the long association of the town of Chertsey with a local volunteer unit, of the distinguished service given by members of the unit in its various forms and deployments throughout its history, both to Borough and to Country, and in further recognition of the role played by 886 Troop within 94 Signal Squadron, 39 Signal Regiment, the Council mark the centenary year of the Territorial Army by conferring Freedom of Entry to the Borough on 94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron;**
- ii) the Director of Finance be authorised to approve a supplementary estimate for the cost of an appropriate scroll and presentation casket, together with any other costs suitable to mark the award;**

- iii) **Officers be instructed to agree a convenient date with the Squadron for a ceremony and parade to mark the Council's appreciation and the conferring of this honour.**

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.48pm)