

Extraordinary Council Meeting: Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Motion in the name of Councillor Richard Cornelius

Conferring the Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Barnet

In pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council of the London Borough of Barnet hereby do confer upon the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of The Commonwealth, Ephraim Mirvis, the Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Barnet (being the most honourable award it is in the Council's privilege to bestow). This is in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him within the borough, nationally and internationally, to the enhancement of the Jewish community and the promotion of inter-faith understanding and community cohesion.

The Council is proud of the long association Chief Rabbi Mirvis has had with the London Borough of Barnet, from his residency and leadership as Rabbi at the Finchley United Synagogue, continuing today through his work as the Chief Rabbi. Council notes his substantial contribution to the local community during this time, not least through his founding of the Kinloss Learning Centre and Morasha Jewish Primary School, alongside his work in supporting the inter-faith harmony that is such a strong feature of life in our borough.

In conferring the Honorary Freedom on Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, the Council is formally recording the high esteem in which he is held by the Council and the community and recognising his invaluable contribution to the life of the borough.