



Report of the Leader of the Council

Council – 26 July 2018

Honorary Freedom of the City & County of Swansea to Sir Karl Jenkins CBE B.Mus FRAM LRAM

Purpose:	To consider conferring Honorary Freedom of the City & County of Swansea to Sir Karl Jenkins CBE B.Mus FRAM LRAM
Policy Framework:	None
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal. Chief Executive, Group Leaders
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Honorary Freedom of the City & County of Swansea is granted to Sir Karl Jenkins CBE B.Mus FRAM LRAM 2) A ceremonial council meeting will be held on 4 October 2018 to confer the title of Honorary Freedom.
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1. Introduction

Karl Jenkins was born in Penclawdd and attended Gowerton Grammar School. He progressed through the Glamorgan Youth Orchestra, the National Youth Orchestra of Wales, Cardiff and the Royal Academy of Music, London. Following his studies he won awards as a jazz oboist and multi-instrumentalist, working with, amongst others Ronnie Scott. He co-founded Nucleus in 1972, winning first prize at the Montreux Jazz Festival, before joining Soft Machine playing venues as diverse as The Proms, the Newport Jazz Festival (USA), Carnegie Hall, the Reading Festival and the Montreux Festival.

He has become one of the world's most successful composers of applied music. For over fifteen years Karl has supplied music to order of the highest calibre and widest range of styles where he is known for his versatility and speed at composing bespoke music for television and commercials.

Since Karl Jenkins Music was formed in 1996, Jenkins has continued to compose commercial music, not only in his popular "Adiemus" sound (e.g. Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society in the UK and Delta Air Lines worldwide), but is in demand for his extensive catalogue of sounds from Jazz to Opera, from Rock to Country and from Western European orchestral to synthesised sound design.

Jenkins's talent in composing to picture, combined with his massively appealing album writing is now culminating with film scores in the offing. Further information on Mr Jenkins career can be found by visiting his website www.karljenkins.com.

Sir Karl Jenkins is the first Welsh born composer to receive a knighthood for services to composing and crossing musical genres.

Granting Honorary Freedom of the City & County of Swansea to Sir Karl Jenkins, will allow the council of the City & County of Swansea to recognise him as one of the world's most-performed living composers.

2. Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Under section 249 of the Local Government Act the Council may by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon, admit to be an Honorary Freeman person of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent service to the County.

In the past similar honours have been bestowed by the Council and its predecessors on The Welsh Guards, The Royal Welsh Regiment (Royal Welch Fusiliers) and its antecedent regiments, HM Coastguard, RNLI, former President Jimmy Carter, the late Lord Callaghan, the late John Charles, HMS Scott, The Archbishop of Canterbury, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, 215 (City of Swansea) Squadron, Mel Nurse, Chris Coleman, and more recently HMS Cambria.

3. Ceremony Arrangements

It is proposed that the ceremony will be held at a ceremonial meeting of the Council to be held at the Guildhall, Swansea on 4 October 2018.

4. Equality and Engagement Implications

The proposal has no equality implications and an Equality Impact Assessment is not required in this instance.

5. Financial Implications

The cost of the proceedings, including a Freedom Scroll, will be met from the Corporate Promotions budget.

6. Legal Implications

The power to grant Honorary Freedom of the City and County of Swansea is contained in Section 249 [5] of the Local Government Act 1972.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None