



Procedures for Deletions from the Roll of Honour of Dublin City

Introduction

Section 74 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by the Reform of Local Government Act 2014) sets out the procedures for the conferral of the freedom of an administrative area on a person or persons who, in the opinion of the Members are deserving of that honour. Dublin City Council has regularly awarded the Freedom of Dublin City over the years. However, only once in the past has such an honour been revoked and the resolution bestowing it been rescinded. This was in 1915 which was obviously before the introduction of the current legislation. The current legislation makes no reference to the deletion of a name from the roll of honour or the reversal of a resolution to bestow the freedom of an administrative area.

Having discussed this issue with the Law Agent, I am of the opinion that the ordinary statutory powers granted to the Members of the City Council to make, revoke or amend resolutions with regard to all of their reserved functions enables them to delete names from the Roll of Honorary Freedom of Dublin City if they so wish.

Resolution

Accordingly I set out hereunder two sample resolutions which Members may use depending on the particular circumstances :

Scenario 1 – Members wish to revoke a resolution conferring the Freedom of the City and remove a name from the Roll of Honorary Freedom

“That Dublin City Council hereby resolves to rescind it’s decision of the dd/mm/yy bestowing the Freedom of the City on xxxx and instructs the Chief Executive to remove the name of xxxx from the Roll of Honorary Freedom”

Scenario 2 – Members wish to consider a request by a recipient of the Freedom of the City to have his/her name removed from the Roll of Honorary Freedom

“That Dublin City Council, having considered a request from xxxx, on whom the Freedom of the City was bestowed by resolution on the dd/mm/yy, hereby resolves to rescind it’s decision of that date and instructs the Chief Executive to remove the name of xxxx from the Roll of Honorary Freedom in accordance with his/her wish”

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 23th November 2017