

**COUNTY COUNCIL
14 FEBRUARY 2019**

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today: Honorary Alderman Keith Chapman MBE and Michael Woodhall.

Thank you for your support.

I would like to start by congratulating Councillor Peter Edgar and Councillor Rhydian Vaughan for their well-deserved MBE's announced in the New Year's Honours List. Peter received his for services to Education and to the community in Gosport. And, Rhydian for his Public and Political service.

And, for those of you that are not already aware at an Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 6 February, Gosport Borough Council gave Cllr Peter Edgar the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Gosport in recognition of his eminent services to the people and Borough of Gosport over many years.

Congratulations Peter and Rhydian.

Members, you have received a list of the engagements your Vice Chairman and I have attended on your behalf. Since we have a particularly busy agenda, I will not go into any detail on this occasion.

Other News

Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth

Please join me on Monday 11 March at 10am to watch the well-established annual ceremony when we raise the flag to celebrate Commonwealth Day.

Chairman's Concert

You have already received an invitation to my Chairman's concert at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 27 April at 7.30pm. I very much hope you will join me for what promises to be a memorable evening. The programme will include Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Tickets are £15, and £10 for concessions, and can be obtained from Jill Larner, Head of Hampshire Music Service.