

### **Motion for the restoration of the Lord Provost title**

I call on this council to agree that we put in an application to the Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition for the Title of Lord Provost of the City of Perth. Now that we have regained City status this will be the only opportunity for a long time to put in a bid for the Lord Provost of Perth as it has to be during a Platinum year.

Importantly, this is not a request for a new title, it is for "the restoration" of the Title of Lord Provost which was held by the City of Perth for over 300 years; in 1975. it was unjustly removed from Perth because of the formation of Tayside and Perth & Kinross. Perth was the only city in Scotland to lose its ancient civic honours.

Given this history and the opportunity in next year's Platinum Jubilee this is the ideal time to apply. The Title will greatly enhance the status and standing of Perth as a City in Scotland well into the future and it will assist in enhancing civic pride - just as city status did.

Having a Lord Provost would put Perth on a par with Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee. It would elevate Perth's ambition to be considered as a small, but prosperous and high achieving European city, and raise Perth's profile nationally and internationally.

With regard to the Lord Lieutenancy, the Lord Lieutenants of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee, are the exception, rather than the rule. In England none of the Lord Mayors are ex-officio Lord Lieutenants of their cities. The two roles are quite separate. Indeed, when Perth had a Lord Provost up to 1975, that person was not the Lord Lieutenant - the only Lord Provost in Scotland who was not also the Lord Lieutenant of his area. There is no reason why that should not be the case once again.

Finally, it is significant that the Stone of Scone is at last being returned home to Perthshire following the decision made by the Commissioners of Regalia on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen. Given that we have now been restored City status and the Stone will be returning to Perthshire it would seem logical to have the Title of Lord Provost restored as well.

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