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Pat Cox to be made freeman of the city

By DEARBHLA LOCBY

LIMERICK'S European Parliament president Pat Cox is getting the highest honour of the city this week.

He will be awarded with the Freedom of the City this Friday afternoon in City Hall.

And a special meeting to honour him will be held at Limerick County Council earlier on Friday.

"There are a number of reasons Limerick City Council wanted to give Pat Cox the Freedom of the City. He is the president of the European Parliament which effectively makes him the second most senior politician in international terms, second only to the president of the United States," Mayor Sadtler, a personal friend of Mr Cox for over 30 years, said.

Mr Cox, from Fort Mary Park, now lives in Cork with his wife Kathy and six children.

"It has quite an astonishing achievement by any standards that an individual could go into an European election as an Independent, and succeed in winning a majority of the 626 members of the European Parliament," Mayor Sadtler said.

Mr Cox, a former journalist, is also a former Progressive Democrat TD for Cork South Central.

He said it was "a tremendous honour" for Limerick and for Ireland that Mr Cox is president of the European Parliament. The Mayor believes the president's appeal lies in his ability to relate to people.

"It undoubtedly enhances the esteem in which our country and people are held internationally. Mr Cox had another astonishing victory the first time he contested the European Parliament elections in Munster in 1989, he headed the poll.

"He has an amazing ability to relate to people at every level of society, and he's always had an ability to treat people courteously, graciously and most importantly equally.

"Coupled with that magnetism is the ability to simplify the most complicated of issues to something which is easily understood. He has a great commitment to public life," Mayor Sadtler said.

He described Mr Cox as "always good-humoured" and "approachable".

The special County Council meeting for Mr Cox will be held at 3pm, and the ceremony to award him with the Freedom of the City is at 5.30pm in City Hall.

Mr Cox has returned from a three-day visit to Cyprus as part of his tour of the candidate countries for accession. He met Limerick's former



European Parliament president Pat Cox with Limerick's former chief superintendent Liam Quinn in Cyprus this week. Mr Cox will be made a freeman of the city this Friday

chief superintendent Liam Quinn, who is working in Cyprus with the United Nations.

He also met President Glafcos Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader

Rauf Denktaş.

Mr Cox also started his round of contacts with a brief meeting with the UN secretary general's special adviser on Cyprus, Alvaro de Soto,

and addressed a session of the House of Representatives.

Mr Cox attended a reception in his honour at the presidential palace on Europe Day, May 9.

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