

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer (Introduced by Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform))	Council	Wednesday, 17 May 2023

## Protocol for Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	Not applicable
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### Purpose of the Report

- To consider and agree a protocol for the conferring of the title of Honorary Alderman on former Members of the Council who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service.

### Recommendations to Council

- That the draft protocol on conferring the title of Honorary Alderman, as outlined at Appendix 1, be agreed.

### Reasons for recommendations

- To enable the Council to recognise former Members who have rendered eminent service to the Council by conferring the title of Honorary Alderman.

### Other options considered and rejected

- Not applicable.

### Corporate priorities

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

<b>An exemplary council</b>	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

## **Background to the report**

6. At the last meeting of the Council a number of long service awards and tributes were paid to retiring Members.
7. Following this meeting informal discussions have taken place about appropriate ways in which to recognise the distinguished and valued service of former Members.
8. It was felt that the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman would be an appropriate way to recognise exceptional service to the Council.
9. Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on:  
  
*"Persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of that Council, but who are not then members of the Council."*
10. There must be support for the nomination by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at an Extraordinary Council meeting.
11. The suggested protocol to be used in considering and conferring the title of Honorary Alderman is outlined at Appendix 1 to this report.

## **Climate change and air quality**

12. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

## **Equality and diversity**

13. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **Risk**

14. There are no risks identified as a result of this report.

## **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

15. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

16. There are no concerns with the report from a legal perspective.

## **Background documents**

There are no background papers to this report.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Draft Protocol for Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman

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