



Council

6 December 2022

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY TITLES

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

All Wards

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To invite Council to consider the appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen of the District, based on the criteria previously approved by the Council and in accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2.0 Decisions Sought

- 2.1 To consider the conferment of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman titles on District Councillors Paul Cullen, Campbell Dawson, Helen Grant, Patricia Middlemiss, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock and Clive World.

3.0 Link to Corporate Priorities

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4.0 Introduction & Background

- 4.1 Under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Council at an Extraordinary meeting may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members in attendance and voting thereon, confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members, but who are not current Members of the Council.
- 4.2 Regulation 32 of the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No.2) Regulations 2008, amended the Act and enables a Council that is to be dissolved as a result of local government reorganisation to elect not only past Members as Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman but also serving Members. Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman of a dissolved council become on the reorganisation date Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman of the successor single-tier council. However, no Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman shall, whilst serving as a Member of the single-tier authority, be entitled to be addressed as Alderman/Alderwoman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of that council as an Alderman/Alderwoman.
- 4.3 Council at its meeting on 25 September 2007 also agreed that to confer this title, a past member who is not a current Member of the Council, must have made a

significant contribution to the Council and the people it represents for 20 years or more.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That officers be authorised to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on a date to be confirmed for the purposes of:-
- a) Passing the appropriate formal resolution under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman of the District on Councillors Paul Cullen, Campbell Dawson, Helen Grant, Patricia Middlemiss, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock and Clive World.
 - b) Presenting a testimonial recording the appointments.
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6.0 Corporate Implications

Scrutiny Consultation	None
Community Engagement	None
Environment & Sustainability	None
Financial Implications	Costs in producing the testimonials and or any hospitality will be made from existing budgets.
Legal Implications	To comply with the legislative provisions of the Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
Risk Implications	Nothing identified.
Human Resource Implications	None
Equalities Implications	None
Health & Safety Implications	None

7.0 Further Information

- 7.1 Background Papers – None
- 7.2 File Reference – None
- 7.3 Appendices – None

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