

Full Council

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Appointment of Honorary Alderman

For Decision

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Statutory Authority

Local Government Act 1972

Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider nominations for the appointment of Honorary Alderman.

Officer Recommendations

- 2 That, if Full Council is minded to approve the nomination, a special meeting of Council be convened in the new year for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to Bill Batty-Smith, MBE, Deborah Croney and Victor Fox.

Reason for Decision

- 3 To seek approval to confer the title of Honorary Alderman to Bill Batty-Smith, MBE, Deborah Croney and Victor Fox as set out in the report.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 4 Under the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the district council may pass a resolution, by not less than two-thirds of the councillors voting, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman at a special meeting of Council.
- 5 At the meeting council may consider giving the title of Honorary Alderman to a councillor who has given exceptional service to the council and the community.
- 6 It should be noted that ordinarily, the title of Honorary Alderman could not be bestowed upon a sitting Councillor. However, provisions have been made in one of the Structural Changes Orders that inserts the word "sitting Councillor" into s.249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 enabling the title to be conferred on Councillors currently in post. However, the title cannot be used until such time as the Councillors cease to be District Councillors i.e. 31 March 2019.
- 7 In line with the set criteria it has been proposed by Cllr G Carr-Jones and supported by 7 Councillors across the political parties that the title of

Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Bill Batty-Smith, MBE, Deborah Croney and Victor Fox in recognition of their past service to the District.

Implications

Financial

8 None

Consultation and Engagement

9 Consultation with the Conservative Party Group Leader.

Footnote

10 Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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