

Full Council

22 February 2018

Appointment of Honorary Alderman

For Decision

Brief holder:

Corporate Affairs and Continuous Improvement

Senior Leadership Team Contact:

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Statutory Authority

Local Government Act 1972

Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider a nomination 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 on 31 May 2018 for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to David Hawkins.

Reason for Decision

- 3 To seek approval of a special meeting of Full Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman to David Hawkins 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 borough 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 The Council's Constitution sets out the policy for conferring the title:

54. The power to appoint Honorary Aldermen comes from the Local Government Act 1972 and is a means of honoring past members of the Council. The Council's policy was reaffirmed in 1996 and is that the title should be conferred on members who had been, or were entitled to be elected Mayor of Weymouth and Portland during their term of office. In addition, such persons should have served for at least ten civic years on the Council.
- 5 In line with the Council's Constitution it has been proposed by Cllr M Leicester seconded by Cllr P Kimber that the title of Honorary Alderman be

conferred upon David Hawkins in recognition of his past service to the borough.

Implications

Financial

- 6 Minor costs associated with the provision of scrolls and a Mayor's parlour reception.

Consultation and Engagement

- 7 Consultation with the Independent Group Leader.

Footnote

- 8 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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