**REPORT TO CABINET**

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| **Open** | | Would any decisions proposed : | | |
| **Any especially affected Wards** | Discretionary | Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide<br>Need to be recommendations to Council<br><br>Is it a Key Decision | NO<br>YES<br><br>NO | |
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| Financial Implications NO | Policy/Personnel Implications NO | Statutory Implications NO | Equal Impact Assessment NO | Risk Management Implications NO |

Date of meeting: 6 October 2015

# HONORARY RECORDER


**Summary**

The report invites Cabinet and Council to consider the appointment of an Honorary Recorder for the Borough.


**Recommendation**

**That Council support the appointment of an Honorary Recorder for the Borough, and delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to make the appointment.**

**Reason for Decision**

To give consideration to the invitation on behalf of the Court.

## Background

Former Mayor, Cllr Barry Ayres, attended a ceremony on 2 March 2015 to mark the resumption of Crown Court sittings in King's Lynn.

Judge Holt would like to invite the Borough Council to reinstate the post of Honorary Recorder of King's Lynn. It is a purely ceremonial position that is held by a Judge that sits most regularly and is senior in a particular city or town. In recent years many local authorities have revived the tradition so for example Judge Holt is Honorary Recorder of Norwich and there are Honorary Recorderships of the likes of Aylesbury, Manchester, Croydon and many other places across the country.

If the Council is minded to do so, the Judge we have in mind is His Honour Judge Nicholas Coleman who will be sitting for lengthy periods at King's Lynn and is himself a long-standing resident of West Norfolk, living at Anmer.

The main role of the Honorary Recorder is to strengthen links between the town and the judicial system, attending such events as the Mayor-making, Battle of Britain Day events, Remembrance Day commemorations and any other civic ceremonies that you think appropriate. There is no cost to the Borough of such a post.

**Options Considered**

Council is invited to consider whether it wishes to make such an appointment.

**Policy Implications**
None

**Financial Implications**
None

**Personnel Implications**
None

**Statutory Considerations**
None

**Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**
None

**Risk Management Implications**
None

**Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted**
None

**Background Papers**
Correspondence with the Court.