

REPORT TO CABINET

Open		Would any decisions proposed :		
Any especially affected Wards	Discretionary	(a) Be entirely within cabinet's powers to decide NO		
		(b) Need to be recommendations to Council		YES
		(c) Is it a Key Decision		NO
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		Other Members consulted: Group Leaders		
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Financial Implications NO	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications (incl S.17) YES	EIA Implications NO	Risk Management Implications NO

Date of meeting: 1 March 2016

ELECTION OF HONORARY ALDERMEN

Summary

The report invites members to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors John Loveless, Anthony Lovett and Trevor Manley in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough.

Recommendations

- 1) **That the Council places on record its deep appreciation of the eminent services to the Council rendered by former Councillors John Loveless, Anthony Lovett and Trevor Manley**

- 2) **That a Special Meeting of the Council to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen on those former be held at 6.30 pm, prior to the Annual Council meeting on Thursday, 12 May 2016 and the engrossment of recommendation (1) above and an aldermanic badge be presented to the Honorary Aldermen, at the Annual Council meeting on 12 May 2016.**

1 Background

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (section 249), "the Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a Special Meeting of the Council called specifically for that purpose, 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 the Council but who are not then Councillors of the Council."

The following criteria were also taken into account on this and previous occasions by each of the political groups in making the nominations:

- 1 Having held high office, Mayor/Cabinet position or Committee Chairmanship.
- 2 Having held some lesser office (Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairmanship) but also having demonstrated eminent service, eg long service as a Borough Councillor.
- 3 Other eminent service in the capacity of a Councillor eg nominated Council representative on important outside bodies
- 4 Recognition across the chamber that the former Member has provided eminent service, albeit non-specific, to the Council by virtue of his/her contributions over many years.
- 5 No known misdemeanours

2 Process

It is suggested that the Special Meeting of the Council required to approve and confer the title be held prior to the Annual Council meeting on 12 May 2016.

It is proposed that the engrossment of the recommendation above and an aldermanic badge be presented to the Honorary Aldermen, at the Annual Council Meeting on 12 May 2016, which will be followed by a reception hosted by the Mayor.

3 Nominations

The following supported nominations have been made: former Councillors John Loveless, Anthony Lovett and Trevor Manley.

4 Financial Implications

The cost of purchasing the Honorary Aldermen badges and engrossments will be funded from within the Civics budget.

5 Statutory Considerations

The process complies with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, section 249.

6 Background Papers

None