

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) It it a Key Decision		NO	
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Financial Implications NO	Policy/Person nel Implications NO	Statutory Implications (incl S.17) YES	EIA Implications NO	Risk Management Implications NO	Environmental Implications No

Date of meeting: 7 March 2023

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Summary

Following the 2019 Borough Council Elections, Council did not consider the appointment of new Honorary Aldermen mainly due to the onset of the pandemic.

The report invites members to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor N Daubney – Former Leader and Mayor

Recommendations

- 1) **That with the consent of the Mayor, the recommendations be submitted to the Extraordinary meeting of the Council on 9 March 2023 as urgent business.**
- 2) **That the Council places on record its deep appreciation of the eminent services to the Council rendered by former Councillor Nicholas Daubney.**
- 2) **That a Special Meeting of the Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Daubney be held at 4.30 pm, prior to the Council meeting on Thursday, 30 March 2023 and the engrossment of recommendation (2) above and an aldermanic badge be presented to the Honorary Alderman, at that Council meeting.**

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

Following the 2019 Borough Council Elections, Council did not consider the appointment of new Honorary Aldermen mainly due to the onset of the pandemic.

It is proposed that the title of Honorary Alderman be bestowed on former Councillor Nicholas J Daubney.

It is suggested that the Special Meeting of the Council required to approve and confer the title be held prior to the Council meeting on 30 March 2023.

It is proposed that the engrossment of the recommendation above and an aldermanic badge be presented to the Honorary Alderman at that Council Meeting.

Further consideration will be given to any nominations for Honorary Aldermen to departing Councillors after the May 2023 the elections.

3 Financial Implications

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

4 Statutory Considerations

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

5 Background Papers

None