



**ORDINARY COUNCIL
27 SEPTEMBER 2023**

REPORT TITLE:	Honorary Titles – Aldermen and Alderwomen
REPORT OF:	Claire Mayhew, Joint Acting Up, Director – People & Governance & Monitoring Officer

REPORT SUMMARY

To confer honorary titles under section 249 of Local Government Act 1972.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked:

- R1. That, in pursuance of section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of the Council being of the opinion that eminent services have been rendered to the Council by former Councillors Tony Sleep, Roger Keeble, Pauline Myers and Jean McGinley, that the Council confers them with the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman.**
- R2. That the presentation of these honorary titles will take place at the Civic Dinner on 5 April 2024.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council wishes to recognise those who merit the highest awards that the Council can bestow on a person or organisation.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The title of 'Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman' are as the name suggest honorary and are conferred in recognition of eminent past services to the Council.

- 2.2 The role attracts no remuneration and involves no entitlement to take part in decision-making. The last vestige of the time when “aldermen” did have a decision-making role was removed by the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2.3 The names of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen will be displayed on honours board in the Council Chamber.
- 2.4 Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen may attend and take part in such civic receptions and functions to which all Members of the Council are invited. However, Aldermen/Alderwomen shall not have the right, as such, to attend meetings of the Council or a Committee, or to receive any such allowances or payments to which Councillors are entitled.

3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Members were asked to put forward suitable nominations.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Name & Title: Tim Willis, Interim Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer)

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- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications with this report. If necessary, the Council will utilise existing budgets and resources available within service area.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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- 5.1 Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council by resolution to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman at a meeting of the Council. The resolution must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at that meeting if the resolution is to be effective.
- 5.2 The relevant criteria are set out in the body of the report.

6.0 EQUALITY & HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Name & Title: Kim Anderson, Corporate Manager - Communities, Leisure and Health

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- 6.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:
- a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful
 - b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- 6.2 The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for b) or c), although it is relevant for a).
- 6.3 The proposals in this report will not have a disproportionately adverse impact on any people with a particular characteristic.

7.0 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Name & Title: Phil Drane, Director - Place

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- 7.1 There are no economic implications.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Ordinary Council	02/12/2020