

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>25 July 2019</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 To consider whether it would be appropriate to mark and record the contributions of those previous members of the council who have made an exceptional contribution to the work of the council and to the community, by making them Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen.
- 1.2 This report asks Council to confer the honour and title of (a) Honorary Alderwoman of Brighton & Hove and (b) Honorary Alderman of Brighton & Hove on those nominated and listed in paragraph 3 of the report to have such a title.
- 1.3 The report also outlines the proposal to recognise those ex-members of the council who chose not to stand for re-election or lost their seat but who did not meet the criteria for consideration of being made an honorary alderman or alderwoman by way of awarding a certificate of thanks.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Council admits those ex-councillors as listed in paragraph 3.5 of the report respectively to be an Honorary Alderwomen or Aldermen of Brighton & Hove; and
- 2.2 That the Council awards certificates of thanks to those ex-councillors listed in paragraph 3.6 of the report as recognition of their time and services to the authority and city.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 As recognition of eminent past services to a council, the council may, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman. A majority of two-thirds of the Members present at such a meeting is required.
- 3.2 The title is purely a mark of respect and does not confer on the holder any right to attend Council or Committee meetings or to be made any payment.

- 3.3 If the holder becomes or is a councillor the title is effectively suspended and may not be used as a form of address nor entitle the holder to attend civic ceremonies as an Alderman or Alderwoman. Otherwise it is open to the council to invite Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen to civic ceremonies.
- 3.4 The agreed protocol for the basis of nominations for Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen is set out below:  
Protocol:
- a) Qualification for nomination only relates to those Members, who have served on Brighton & Hove City Council, (with service on the constituent authorities also being taken into account),
  - b) Have a period of at least 15 years' service, or
  - c) Have a period of at least 12 years and notable service such as Chair of an Executive Committee.
- 3.5 The following past members of the council have been duly nominated having met the criteria in 3.4 above:
- (i) Jayne Bennett, Hove Park Ward
  - (ii) Denise Cobb, Westbourne Ward
  - (iii) Lynda Hyde, Rottingdean Coastal Ward
  - (iv) Mo Marsh, Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Ward
  - (v) Anne Meadows, Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Ward
  - (vi) Gill Mitchell, East Brighton Ward
  - (vii) Warren Morgan, East Brighton Ward
  - (viii) Ann Norman, Withdean Ward
  - (ix) Ken Norman, Withdean Ward
  - (x) Geoffrey Theobald, Patcham Ward
- 3.6 The following past members of the council be awarded certificates of thanks for their service to the council and their residents:
- (i) Karen Barford, Queen's Park Ward
  - (ii) Tom Bewick, Westbourne Ward
  - (iii) Julie Cattell, Preston Park Ward
  - (iv) Dan Chapman, Queen's Park Ward
  - (v) Emma Daniel, Hanover & Elm grove Ward
  - (vi) Penny Gilbey, North Portslade Ward
  - (vii) Louisa Greenbaum, St Peter's & North Laine Ward
  - (viii) Saoirse Horan, Goldsmid Ward
  - (ix) Michael Inkpin-Leissner, Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward
  - (x) Amanda Knight, Goldsmid Ward
  - (xi) Adrian Morris, Queen's Park Ward
  - (xii) Dick Page, Hanover & Elm Grove Ward
  - (xiii) Ollie Sykes, Brunswick & Adelaide Ward
  - (xiv) Nick Taylor, Withdean Ward
  - (xv) Andrew Wealls, Central Hove Ward

#### **4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The conferring of the title of Honorary Alderwoman or Alderman is regarded as a mark of recognition for the work and commitment given by a former councillor to the authority, their ward and the city. It is the only option available to the council to mark its thanks to past members.
- 4.2 The agreed protocol for determining qualification for consideration to be made an an honorary alderman or alderwoman has been reviewed by the Leaders Group. In wishing ot retain it to maintain a level of service to be completed, the Leaders recognised that other ex-councillors would have contributed to the council and the city and therefore should be formally thanked for their service.

#### **5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of those listed to be conferred as an Honorary Alderwoman or Alderman and were in agreement.

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 That in meeting the agreed protocol, those past members of the City Council as listed in paragprah 3.5 of the report be considered for the award of the title Honorary Alderwoman or Alderman, and be put forward to receive the title.

#### **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

- 7.1 No direct financial implications arise from the recommendation in this report. Any costs as a result of the specially convened meeting will be met from within existing budgets.

##### Financial Implications:

*Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis*

*Date: 12/07/2019*

##### Legal Implications:

- 7.2 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to admit to be Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen of Brighton and Hove; persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City as past Members of the council, and who are no longer Members. The award of the title of Honorary Alderwoman or Alderman has to be done by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose.

*Lawyer Consulted:*

*Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis*

*Date: 12/07/19*

##### Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 There are no equalities implications arising from the report, those previous members of the council who met the criteria have been offered the opportunity to accept the appointment and adopt the title of their choice.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications arising from the report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.5 The appointment of Honorary Alderwomen and Aldermen is a decision taken by the Council at a Special Meeting with at least two thirds of the voting Members present in favour of the recommendation.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

None

**Background Documents**

None