

Special Council

17 July 2014

Agenda Item 3

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Appointment of Honorary Alderman		
Date of Meeting:	17 July 2014		
Report of:	Chief Executive		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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

- 1.1 To consider whether it would be appropriate to mark and record the contribution of Mr. Bernard Jordan, as a previous Member of Brighton & Hove Council and Hove Borough Council. Having made an exceptional contribution to the work of the newly formed Brighton & Hove Council and the former Hove Borough Council and to the community, by making him an Honorary Alderman.
- 1.2 This report asks Council to confer the honour and title of Honorary Alderman of Brighton & Hove on Mr. Bernard, 'Bernie' Jordan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Council admits Bernard Jordan to be an Honorary Alderman of Brighton and Hove City Council.

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. 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:
 - 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.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The conferring of the title of Honorary 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. In view of Mr. Jordan's record on the former Hove Borough Council, including that of being Mayor it was considered appropriate to formally recognise his contributions by making him an Honorary Alderman.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of Mr. Jordan to be conferred as an Honorary Aldermen and were in agreement.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That in meeting the agreed protocol, having been a Member of Hove Borough Council for 23 years, Leader of the Council and Mayor in 1995-96, as well as sitting on the Shadow Council for Brighton & Hove and then on Brighton & Hove Council from 1997-1999; to be considered for the award of the title Honorary Alderman, Mr. Bernard Jordan 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: 07/07/2014

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 Freeman 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: 07/07/14

Equalities Implications:

7.3 There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 There are no sustainability implications arising from the report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

7.5 The appointment of Honorary Alderman is a decision taken by the Council with at least two thirds of the voting Members in favour of the recommendation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None