

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

### **Report of the Director, Law and Democracy**

#### **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

##### **Summary**

Council is asked to give consideration to the appointment of Honorary Aldermen in accordance with Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That consideration be given to conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to former Councillor Mrs Ann McCoy.
2. That subject to the above, the nominee be invited to attend the Meeting of Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006 to participate in a ceremony during which the title will be conferred.
3. That the Honorary Alderman elect be invited to bring a guest to the ceremony.

##### **Detail**

1. Under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 a principal Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose, confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service to the Council as past Members but who are not current Members of the Council
2. The Act indicates that service with predecessor Authorities would count as service to be taken into account when conferring the honour.
3. Stockton on Tees Borough Council, at their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2000 accepted the recommendations of the Civic sub-Committee that reckonable service with relevant Councils should be at least 20 years or 15 years including holding a senior office over a long period. In this context it has also been the practice not to count service with the former Cleveland County Council where that service was contemporaneous with service with Stockton on Tees Borough Council or its predecessor authorities.
4. A nomination has been received in respect of the following nominee, who satisfies the terms of the above criteria.

| Name               | Known Service   | Identified Total |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy | Stockton on Tees BC<br>1987 – 2005 including the following senior office positions since 1993:-<br>Chair of Corporate Resources Board; Chair of Executive Scrutiny Committee; Cabinet Member for Social Services & Health | 18 years         |

5. If Members agree the above nomination then it is recommended that the title be conferred at the Council meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006. It is also recommended that the Honorary Alderman elect be invited to bring a guest to that meeting.

#### **Legal and Financial Implications**

6. There are no financial implications contained within this report. The recommendations comply with the legislative provisions of the Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **Consultation**

7. Consultation has been undertaken with relevant Group Leaders.

#### **Risk Analysis**

8. The issue covered by this report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control/reduce risk.

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| Background Papers            | None |
| Education Related Item       | No   |
| Ward(s) and Ward Councillors | All  |
| Property Implications        | None |