

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

7TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Report of the Director, Law and Democracy

HONORARY ALDERMEN-NOMINATIONS

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 Jennie Beaumont, Ann Cains, John Fletcher and Suzanne Fletcher.
2. That subject to the above, the nominees be invited to attend the Meeting of Council on the 19th October 2011 to participate in a ceremony during which the title will be conferred.
3. That the Honorary Aldermen 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 1ST December 1999 (Min 1527 refers) , accepted the recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee held on 7th October 1999, 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. Nominations have been received in respect of the following nominees, who satisfy the terms of the above criteria.

Name	Known Service	Identified Total
Jennie Beaumont	1979-2011	32 years
John Fletcher	1987-2011	24 years
Suzanne Fletcher	1981-2011	30 years
Ann Cains (Chair of Health Select 2001-2005; 2007-2011; Cab Mbr for Health 2006/7; Dep Mayor 2002/3; Mayor 2003/4; Chair of TV Health Scrutiny Cttee 2004/5,9/10; Chair Of Regional Health Scrutiny 2010/11)	1995-2011	16 years

5. If Members agree the above nominations, then it is recommended that the title be conferred to the nominees at the Council meeting on the 19th October 2011. It is also recommended that the Honorary Aldermen elect be invited to bring a guest to that meeting.

Legal and Financial Implications

6. There are limited financial implications associated with the cost of providing each Honorary Alderman with a framed certificate and photograph; each of which can be borne within existing budgets. 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

