

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO SPECIAL COUNCIL

28TH OCTOBER 2015

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF 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

It is recommended that:-

1. Consideration be given to conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to:-
 - Alex Cunningham
 - Jeremy Atkinson
2. Subject to the above, the nominees and an invited guest be invited to attend the meeting of Council on the 25th November 2015 to participate in a ceremony during which the title will be conferred.

DETAIL

1. Under Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 a principal Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of Members in attendance and 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 services 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 has agreed that reckonable service for the purpose of conferring this title should be at least 12 years.
4. Nominations have been received in respect of the following nominees, who satisfy the terms of the above criteria:-

Name	Terms of Service	Cumulative Years' Service
Alex Cunningham	1984 – 1997 – Cleveland County Council 1999 – 2010 – Stockton on Tees Borough Council	24
Jeremy Atkinson	1987 – 1995 – Cleveland County Council 1995 – 2003 – Stockton on Tees Borough Council	16

5. If Members agree the above nominations, then it is recommended that the title be conferred on the nominees at the Council meeting on the 25th November 2015.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are limited financial implications associated with the cost of providing each Honorary Alderman with a framed certificate and photograph; the cost 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.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce the risk.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8. This report is not subject to an Equality Impact Assessment as it makes no proposals for service development or policy change.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

9. Strong local democracy.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

10. Consultation has taken place with political group leaders.

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