

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO SPECIAL COUNCIL**

**26 JULY 2023**

**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:-
  - Bill Woodhead MBE
  - Jean O Donnell
  - Paul Kirton
  - Mike Smith
  - Ken Dixon
  - Maurice Perry
  - Mohammed Javed
2. Subject to the above, the nominees and an invited guest be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council 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 16 years and should take into account factors such as the nominees previous attendance at Council/Committee meetings; and/or contribution the individual has made to the Council.
4. The following former Councillors satisfy the above criteria. All nominees have made a significant contribution to the Council through membership of Committees/ outside bodies and other areas of special responsibility, including responsibility for chairing Council Committees. Councillors O'Donnell, Kirton, Dixon, Perry and Javed all completed a mayoral term providing services to the Borough as first citizen.

Name	Terms of Service	Cumulative Years' Service
<b>Bill Woodhead</b>	<b>1973 – 1976, 1979 – 1995, 1999 – 2023</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Jean O Donnell</b>	<b>1991 – 2023</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Paul Kirton</b>	<b>1995 – 2023</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Mike Smith</b>	<b>2003 – 2023</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Ken Dixon</b>	<b>2005 – 2023</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Maurice Perry</b>	<b>2005 – 2023</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Mohammed Javed</b>	<b>2007 - 2023</b>	<b>16</b>

5. If Members agree the above nominations, then it is recommended that the title be conferred on the nominees at a future Council meeting.

### **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are limited financial implications associated with the cost of providing each Honorary Alderman with a framed certificate, medallion, 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