

Subject: Honorary Aldermen

Report to: Cabinet – 13 November 2013  
Council – 26 November 2013

Report by: Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Monitoring Officer

## **SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The report invites Members to consider conferring the title of Honorary Aldermen on former Councillors in recognition of their eminent services in the Borough.

### **1. Background**

1.1 The Council may by a resolution passed by Council confer the title of Honorary Aldermen on persons who have in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of the Council but who are not then Councillors of the Council.

1.2 The following suggested criteria should be taken into account in making nominations to become an Honorary Aldermen:-

- (a) Having held high office in the positions of Leader, Deputy Leader or Shadow Leader
- (b) Having held some lesser office but also having demonstrated eminent service (eg long service as a Borough Councillor), for a minimum cumulative period of 16 years.
- (c) Past Mayors and Chairman of the Borough Council will be excluded from being Honorary Alderman.
- (d) If a Member has stated that he/she intend not to seek re-election then the nomination for the position of Honorary Alderman may be agreed in advance.
- (e) No known misdemeanours.

**2. Process**

2.1 It will require a Council decision to approve this proposal.

2.2 In the event that Council gives its approval, an engrossed document together with an aldermanic badge will be presented to the Honorary Aldermen at a Council meeting to be followed by a reception hosted by the Mayor.

**3. Financial Implications**

3.1 The cost of purchasing the Honorary Aldermen badges and engrossments, and costs of any receptions, will be minimal and can be met from within existing budgets.

**4. Statutory Considerations**

4.1 The process complies with the provisions contained within the Local Government Act 1972.

<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:</b> None
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<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD OR DIRECTOR CONSULTATION:</b> Executive Board consulted
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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, crime and disorder or human rights issues and, if so, have they been considered?	Issues	
	Legal	Yes
	Financial	Yes
	Risk	No
	Sustainability	No
	Crime and Disorder	No
	Human Rights	No
	Every Child Matters	No
	Equality	No

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