

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

6th December 2017

Report of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Nominations for Appointment to the Role of Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider in principle nominations for appointment to the roles of Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman.

2. Information and Analysis

At its meeting on 13th September 2017, the Council agreed to confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service as past members.

Four nominations have been made by the Conservative Group Leader to confer the honorary title upon former Councillors Stuart Ellis, Mrs Annette Noskwith CBE, John Harrison and Andrew Lewer MP MBE. Two nominations have been made by the Labour Group Leader to confer the honorary title upon former Councillors John Williams and Mrs Joyce Sanders.

It is proposed that the Council considers the nominations in principle so that, if agreed, the formal appointments would be made at a specially convened meeting, as is required by law, to take place immediately prior to the Council meeting on 7th February 2018. To confer the honorary title, the Council must pass a resolution by not less than two-thirds of the Members present at that meeting.

The names of the appointed Aldermen and Alderwomen will be added to the roll held by the Monitoring Officer and they will be presented with a badge of office at the meeting on 7th February 2018.

3. Legal Considerations

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables a principal council to confer the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen on persons who have in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent service as past members.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Background Papers

File held by the Director of Legal Services

6. Officer Recommendations

That the Council approves in principle the proposal:

- (i) to confer the title of Honorary Alderwoman upon former Councillors Mrs Annette Noskwith CBE and Mrs Joyce Sanders.
- (ii) to confer the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillors Stuart Ellis, John Harrison, Andrew Lewer MP MBE and John Williams.
- (iii) to add the names of the appointed Aldermen and Alderwomen to the roll held by the Monitoring Officer.

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