

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

7th February 2018

Report of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Nominations for Appointment to the Role of Honorary Alderman and Honorary Alderwoman

1. Purpose of the Report

To invite the Council to confer the honorary title of Alderman or Alderwoman on those nominated within this report.

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 valuable service as past members.

Four nominations were subsequently 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 were made by the Labour Group Leader to confer the honorary title upon former Councillors John Williams and Mrs Joyce Sanders. These nominations were considered and approved in principle at the meeting of the Council in December 2017.

It is now proposed that the honorary title of Alderman or Alderwoman be conferred on those nominated in recognition of the valuable service they have provided to the Council.

To confer the honorary title, the Council must pass a resolution by not less than two-thirds of the Members present at a specifically convened meeting.

The names of the appointed Aldermen and Alderwomen will be added to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen held by the Monitoring Officer and they will be presented with a badge of office which can be worn on civic occasions.

Aldermen and Alderwomen will also be afforded privileges including enjoying the courtesy title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman, receiving a copy of the summons to Council meetings, being invited to take part in civic events, being nominated to sit on outside bodies where a serving Elected

Member is not required, being entitled to attend meetings of the Council and being allocated a seat in the Council Chamber.

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 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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