
Extraordinary Meeting of the City Council

3 September, 2019

Director Approving Submission of the report: Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected: All

Title: Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

The Local Government Act 1972 allows local authorities to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on any former Councillor in recognition of their eminent service to the Council. The Council approved a revised Protocol for conferring the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman on former Councillors at its meeting on 18 September 2012. This report sets out the details of a nomination for Honorary Alderman which is presented for approval in this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman on Ken Taylor, OBE

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

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1. Context

- 1.1 The Council approved a revised Protocol for conferring the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman on former Councillors at its meeting on 18 September 2012. The title of Honorary Alderman can be conferred at Extraordinary Council meetings throughout the year. Members will vote on each nomination. Nominations need to be agreed by at least two thirds of the Members present.

2. Options Considered and Recommended Proposals

- 2.1 A nomination has been received which meets the criteria as set out in the Protocol within Part 5 of the Council's Constitution. A summary of the nomination is set out below. During the Council meeting, there will be a Proposer and a Secunder for the nomination. The Proposer and Secunder will each make short speeches and the Council will then vote on the nomination. A nomination needs to be agreed by at least two thirds of members present and voting. If the nomination is agreed, this will be followed by a short acceptance speech by the Honorary Alderman.

2.2 Nominated Honorary Alderman: Ken Taylor, OBE

Ken Taylor served as a Councillor for 33 years, representing Earlsdon Ward from 1986 to 2019. He was Lord Mayor in 2002/03 and Leader of the Council from 2004 to 2010. In 2010 he was awarded an OBE for services to Local Government. He served on many Committees and Scrutiny Boards, together with a number of outside bodies and, in particular, was active nationally with the Local Government Association for many years.

The nomination of Ken Taylor to be an Honorary Alderman has been proposed by Councillor G Ridley and seconded by Councillor A Andrews

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 In preparing this report, consultation has taken place with the proposer and proposed Honorary Alderman, as well as with the Lord Mayor and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the of the Council.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

The conferring of the title of Honorary Alderman will take effect immediately upon approval by Council.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

There are only nominal financial implications arising from this report. The Lord Mayor's Office already hold Honorary Aldermen Badges in stock.

5.2 Legal implications

This report implements the Council's Protocol for appointing Honorary Aldermen. The Protocol is in accordance with the provisions for such appointments, as set out in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

Not applicable

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Not applicable.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

To confer the esteemed title of Honorary Alderman on any former Councillor is a prestigious honour that will have a positive impact on the City Council and the City of Coventry. The details of the nominations will refer to the nature of the eminent services provided by that former Member and to recognise the contributions they have made.

6.4 Equality and Consultation Analysis (ECA)

Each nomination for the position of Honorary Alderman is considered on its individual merits. Nominations are received in accordance with the protocol, which is applicable to any former Member who has served for at least 15 years.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations

None

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