



Agenda

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Time and Date

At the rising of the Annual Meeting held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 16th May, 2019

Place

Coventry Cathedral

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Conferring the Title of Honorary Aldermen** (Pages 3 - 6)
Report of the Chief Executive

Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive, Place, Council House Coventry

Wednesday, 8 May 2019

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Public report Council Report

Extraordinary Meeting of the City Council

16 May 2019

Name of Cabinet Member: N/A

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 Tony Skipper.

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

Report title: Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman

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 Seconder for the nomination. The Proposer and Seconder 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: Tony Skipper

Tony Skipper served as a Councillor for 22 years, representing Earlsdon Ward from 1995 to 1999 and then Radford Ward from 2001 to 2019. He was Lord Mayor in 2017/18. His many roles include Cabinet Member for Area Co-ordination and Leisure, Arts and Sport, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and Chair of Audit and Procurement Committee.

Tony Skipper has been proposed by Councillor M Mutton and seconded by Councillor P Hetherton

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, the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group.

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.

6.3 Equalities / EIA

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.

6.4 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.5 Implications for partner organisations

None

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