

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL – 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE

PART A – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

1.1 To consider four former members of the Council for the title of Honorary Alderman.

2. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	No	The award of individual titles does not have any equality impacts.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	No	Council Decision
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	5 September 2023	
FINANCIAL IMPACT		The costs of appointing each Honorary Alderman can be met from within existing budgets.
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	Section 249 Local Government Act 1972 – decision of full Council.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES		The title of Alderman is used throughout the report and appendix for ease of reference but incorporates Alderwomen as well as Aldermen.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	None	

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4. INFORMATION

- 3.1 At its meeting on 10 May 2022, the Council resolved to adopt a [protocol](#) for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972; which provides that the title of Honorary Alderman can be conferred on “persons who have, in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council, but who are no longer Councillors of the Council”.
- 3.2 In order to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on an ex-Councillor a meeting of the whole Council needs to be convened specifically for this purpose and the resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the voting Members present at that meeting.
- 3.3 Four nominations for the title of Honorary Alderman have been received and approved by the Chairman of the Council to be brought forward for consideration. These are for:
- Len Bates B.E.M.
 - Brian Cox
 - Janet Johnson
 - Christine Raven
- 3.4 Once each nominee has been proposed and seconded, Members will then have the opportunity to speak to the Motion in accordance with the speaking rights set out in the Constitution.
- 3.5 If the resolution is passed, the person being awarded the title of Honorary Alderman will be presented with:
- a) A ‘Certificate of Conferral of the Status of Honorary Alderman’ which will carry the Council’s Coat of Arms and the Common Seal of the Council and be witnessed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive;
 - b) A frame in which the Certificate will be placed;
 - c) A Badge of Office including the title ‘Honorary Alderman’.
- 3.6 Following the presentation the person appointed Honorary Alderman will be asked to sign the “Book of Honorary Aldermen” and will be afforded the opportunity to address the Council meeting.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nominations as set out in the appendices

8. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Nomination Form – Len Bates B.E.M.

Appendix B – Nomination Form – Brian Cox

Appendix C – Nomination Form – Janet Johnson

Appendix D – Nomination Form – Christine Raven

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 That Council considers the award of the title of Honorary Alderman of South Staffordshire Council.

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