

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 20 MAY 2019**

# **NOTE ON CONFERRING THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN**

### **Background**

The Local Government Act 1972 gives principal councils the power to confer the title of Honorary Alderman (or Honorary Alderwoman) on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service to the Council as past members, but who are no longer members of the Council. The act does not specify how 'eminent' services are defined, this is for local determination.

### **Role of Honorary Aldermen**

An Honorary Alderman may attend and take part in certain civic events organised by the Council. The Council will decide which civic functions and events it is appropriate to invite Honorary Aldermen to.

The title of Honorary Alderman does not confer any special privileges or rights upon the appointee, nor does it carry any right to attend meetings of the Council or its Committees or to claim any allowances payable under the Members' Allowances Scheme.

### **Process for appointment**

To comply with the legislation, a special meeting of the Council must be convened specifically for the purposes of conferring this honour, at which the resolution must be passed by not less than two-thirds of voting members. The proposed motion will be set out on the Council summons.

### **After appointment**

On conferring the honour, the Council will then make arrangements for an entry to be made on the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.

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