



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

22 March 2021

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	INSTALLATION OF HONORARY ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMAN
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on current Councillors:

Christopher Malpas;
Jamie Lane;
Penelope Flavell;
Tim Hadland;
Phil Larratt;
Brandon Eldred;
Matt Golby;
Leslie Marriott;
Brian Markham;
Dennis Meredith;

in recognition of their eminent service as Members of the Council.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on the Councillors listed below, in recognition of their eminent service as Members of the Council.

Christopher Malpas;
Jamie Lane;
Penelope Flavell;
Tim Hadland;
Phil Larratt;
Brandon Eldred;
Matt Golby;
Leslie Marriott;

Brian Markham;
Dennis Meredith.

- 2.2 It is further recommended that if recommendation 2.1 is approved, Council agrees, at this this meeting on 22 March 2021 to install the Councillors listed in 2.1 above as Honorary Alderman/Woman.
- 2.3 That the power is delegated to the Chief Executive to take any actions to finalise the arrangements once approved by Council.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the “1972 Act”) enables a Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of the Council, but who are not then members of the Council. Section 249 LGA 1972 was amended by Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 section 29 amends the 1972 Act and permits the honorary title to be conferred as Alderman and Alderwoman.
- 3.1.2 Section 249 (1) was amended by Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transitional Arrangements)(no 2) Regulations 2008 which enables a Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council and who are either past or current members. S249(1) is no longer restricted to past Members.
- 3.1.3 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman must be passed by vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at the Council a meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.1.4 The honour is purely ceremonial. Honorary Aldermen/Alderwoman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may decide, but do not as such have the right to attend to participate in meetings or committees of the Council, or to receive allowances or other payments. However, the 1972 Act enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.5 At the Council meeting on 23rd May 2013, the Council approved the principle of conferring the title on former members with 12 years or more past service, and who, in the opinion of Council, have rendered eminent service to the Council.
- 3.1.6 The members listed in 2.1 above have served as members of the Council of in excess of 12 years and they are proposed for this Honour in accordance with Council policy
- 3.1.7 It is proposed to install the members listed in 2.1 above as Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman at a meeting to be held on the 22 March 2021. Members

are requested to note that a two-thirds majority vote of those attending will be required.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 There are no new legal implications besides compliance with Section 249[5] of the Local Government Act ,1972 and its requirement for a two thirds majority vote for any individual nomination.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 There are no specific equality implications

5. Background Papers

5.1 Emails and Meeting notes considering bestowing the title.

George Candler
Chief Executive