

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

9 May 2017

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Report by the Monitoring Officer

FOR DECISION

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Mrs Blackett.

2.0 Recommendation

That

- 2.1 the Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Mrs Blackett, who has rendered eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties; and
- 2.2 Subject to the Council's approval of the appointment at 2.1, the Democratic Services Team Leader, in consultation with the Mayor, be instructed to make all further arrangements necessary with a view to the presentation in accordance with adopted practice of an appropriate framed scroll and Civic Buffet on a date to be decided.

3.0 Summary

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 makes provision for a Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman subject to the following:
- (a) by resolution of not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a specially convened meeting of the Council; and
 - (b) that, in the opinion of the Council, the person has rendered eminent service to the Council as a past member of the Council, but who is not then a member of the Council.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 13 April 2016 the Council agreed the following additional criteria for conferring the title of Honorary Alderman:
- (a) any former Councillor considered for appointment to the Aldermanic Bench must have served for a minimum of eight years;

- (b) subject to (a) above, any former Councillor nominated must have given outstanding service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties (which duties are defined in the Council's Constitution at Article 2.3(a)). In particular they must have:
- i. been a Chairman for at least two years of a principal member-level body, that being of the Cabinet, the Scrutiny Board, the Regulatory Committees and other such Committees established from time to time;
 - ii. a member of the Cabinet for at least three years;
 - iii. Mayor of the Borough; and/or
 - iv. given other outstanding service to the Borough.

3.3 Former Councillor Mrs Blackett was a member of the Borough Council between 1974 and 2018. During this time, former Councillor Mrs Blackett has held the office of Mayor of the Council, been Chairman of a Regulatory Committee and a member of the Cabinet. Former Councillor Mrs Blackett therefore meets the adopted criteria.

4.0 Implications

4.1 Resources:

Approval of this recommendation can be contained within current budgetary provision.

4.2 Legal:

None arising directly from this item.

4.3 Strategy:

None arising directly from this item.

4.4 Risks:

None arising directly from this item.

4.5 Communications:

None arising directly from this item.

4.6 For the Community:

None arising directly from this item.

4.7 The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed and concluded the following:

Not applicable to this item.

5.0 Consultation

The Leader of the Council has been consulted.

Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

None

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