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# HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

03 November 2021

## APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN FOR DECISION

**Report Author:** Monitoring Officer

Key Decision: No

Report Number: HBC/018/2021

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This paper is submitted to Council to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Mr Hart.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are requested to approve:
- a. The Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Mr Hart, who has rendered eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties; and
  - b. Subject to the Council's approval of the appointment at 2.1a, 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. Executive 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 Overview & Scrutiny Board, the Regulatory Committees and other such Committees established from time to time; or
  - ii. a member of the Cabinet for at least three years; or
  - iii. Mayor of the Borough; and/or
  - iv. given other outstanding service to the Borough.

3.3. Former Councillor Mr Hart was a member of the Borough Council between 1981 and 2021. During his long service, Councillor Hart has served on a number of Committees/Boards including the Council's planning, leisure, and policy committees. Councillor Hart has, in particular, served as Chairman of the Planning Site Viewing Working Party and Chairman of two Scrutiny Boards.

#### **4. Additional Budgetary Implications**

4.1. There is no budgetary allowance for costs associated with conferring the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillors, but it is expected that all costs can be met from within the existing budgetary provision.

#### **5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans**

5.1. There are none arising directly from this item.

## **6. Options considered**

- 6.1. It has been proposed by Councillor Rennie, Leader of the Council, and seconded by Councillor Francis, that the title of Honorary Alderman be bestowed upon former Councillor Mr Hart, who has rendered eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties for the past 40 years.

No other options have been considered.

## **7. Resource Implications**

### **7.1. Financial Implications**

It is envisaged that the cost of the badge, scroll, reception and buffet would be able to be met within existing budget provision. The expected total costs equate to £1,500.

### **7.2. Human Resources Implications**

There are none.

### **7.3. Information Governance Implications**

There are none.

### **7.4. Links to Shaping our Future Programme**

There are none.

### **7.5. Other resource implications**

There are none.

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1. These are contained within the body of this report.

### **Monitoring Officer comments**

Date: 25 October 2021

The nominee satisfies both the statutory qualifications for office contained in Section 249 Local Government Act 1972 and the local criteria set out in the report. Accordingly, an appointment to the office of Honorary Alderman will be compliant with both legislation and local rules.

**9. Risks**

9.1. There are none.

**10. Consultation**

10.1. The Leader of the Council has been consulted.

**11. Communication**

11.1. The Communications team have been informed.

**12. Appendices**

12.1. None.

**13. Background papers**

13.1. None.

Agreed and signed off by:

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