
NON-EXEMPT

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

22 February 2023

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN FOR DECISION

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Key Decision: No

Report Number: HBC/119/2023

1. Purpose

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are requested to approve:
 - a. The Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Ken Smith, who has rendered eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties; and
 - b. Subject to Council's approval of the appointment at 2.1a, the Democratic Services Manager, 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 Smith was a member of the Borough Council between 2004 and 2021. During his long service as an elected member serving Bedhampton ward, Mr Smith spent 2 years as Cabinet Lead for Economic Development & Tourism from 2005 to 2007, as well as holding the office of Mayor in 2011.

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, and seconded by Councillor Inkster, that the title of Honorary Alderman be bestowed upon former Councillor Mr Ken Smith, who has rendered eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties for a total of 16 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.

Section 151 comments

Date: 10 February 2023

There are minimal costs associated with this appointment and therefore I am satisfied that the costs associated will be able to be met from within existing budgets.

7.2. Human Resources Implications

There are none.

7.3. Information Governance Implications

There are none.

7.4. Other resource implications

There are none.

7.5. Environmental Implications

There are none.

8. Legal Implications

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

Deputy Monitoring Officer comments

Date: 07 February 2023

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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