

COUNCIL

28 May 2014

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Report of Democratic Services Team Leader

FOR DECISION

Portfolio: Governance and Logistics – Cllr Branson

Key Decision: N/A

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the request of making former Councillor David Gillett an Honorary Alderman of the Borough.

2.0 Recommendation

That:

- 2.1 the Council gives consideration to conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor David Gillett, who has given eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties.
- 2.2 subject to the Council's approval of the appointment as in 2.1 above, 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 At the request of Councillor Cheshire, the Council is asked to consider proposing that former Councillor David Gillett be appointed as an Honorary Alderman.

At the Council meeting held on 13 December 2006 amended criteria for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen were approved in the following terms:

- (1) in acknowledgement and recognition of the significance of an appointment to the Aldermanic bench, whilst there is no upper limit to the number of Honorary Aldermen there can be at any one time, the Council will not consider any proposal for an ex-member of the Council to be appointed until that person has ceased to be a member for one year;
- (2) any former Councillor considered for appointment must have served for a minimum of eight years.

- (3) always subject to (2) above, any former Councillor nominated must have given eminent service to the Council over and above a Councillor's normal duties; (which normal duties are defined in the Councils Constitution at Article 2.3 (a)). In particular they must have
- (a) been a Chairman for at least two years of a principal member-level body, that being of the Executive, the Overview and Scrutiny Boards, the Regulatory Committees, and other such Committees established from time to time; or
 - (b) a member of the Executive for at least three years; or
 - (c) Mayor of the Borough

3.2 Former Councillor Gillett was a member of the Borough Council between 1998 and 2013. During this time, former Councillor Gillett was Leader of the Council between 2001 and 2008. Former Councillor Gillett therefore meets the adopted criteria.

4.0 Implications

4.1 Resources:

The approval of this recommendation can be contained within the current budget.

4.2 Legal: None

4.3 Strategy: None

4.4 Risks: None

4.5 Communications: None

4.6 For the Community: None

Appendices: None

Background Papers: Historical records within Democratic Services

Agreed and signed off by:

Legal Services: 19 May 2014

Portfolio Holder: 19 May 2014

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