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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

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Report of the Director - Legal and Democratic Services

Appointment of Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To invite Council to confer the honorary title of Alderman or Alderwoman on those nominated within this report.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 At its meeting on 26 May 2021, the Council agreed to confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered valuable service as past members. The meeting was originally due to take place in July 2021, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Council made a decision to postpone the meeting until such a time where social distancing restrictions would not impact such an occasion.

- 2.2 The Conservative Group nominated former Councillors Kevin Buttery, Linda Chilton, Pat Murray, Judith Twigg MBE and George Wharmby.

The Labour Group have nominated former councillors Irene Ratcliffe, Paul Smith, Anne Western CBE and David Wilcox OBE.

The Liberal Democrat Group have nominated former councillor Beth Atkins.

- 2.3 It is now proposed that the honorary title of Alderman or Alderwoman be conferred on those nominated in recognition of the valuable service they have provided to the Council.
- 2.4 To confer the honorary title, the Council must pass a resolution by not less than two-thirds of the Members present at a specifically convened meeting.
- 2.5 The names of the appointed Aldermen and Alderwomen will be added to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen held by the Monitoring Officer, and they will be presented with a badge of office which can be worn on civic occasions.
- 2.6 Aldermen and Alderwomen will also be afforded privileges including enjoying the courtesy title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman, receiving a copy of the summons to Council meetings, being invited to take part in civic events, being nominated to sit on outside bodies where a serving Elected Member is not required, being entitled to attend meetings of the Council and being allocated a seat in the Council Chamber.

3. Alternative Options Considered

- 3.1 No alternative options have been considered as this meeting is necessary to carry out the wishes of the Council.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

5. Consultation

Not applicable.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None identified.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

8. Recommendation(s)

That the Council approves the proposal to:

- 1) Confer the title of Honorary Alderwoman upon former Councillors E Atkins, L Chilton, I Ratcliffe, J A Twigg MBE and A Western CBE.
- 2) Confer the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillors K Buttery, P Murray, P Smith, G Wharmby. D Wilcox OBE; and
- 3) Add the names of the appointed Aldermen and Alderwomen to the roll held by the Monitoring Officer.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 To formally recognise those individuals who have rendered eminent service as past members.
- 9.2 To comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, conferring the title of Alderman and Alderwoman, needs to be approved at a specially convened meeting of full Council.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal

2.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables a principal council to confer the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen on persons who have in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent service as past members. To confer the honorary title, the Council must pass a resolution by not less than two-thirds of the Members present at that meeting.

2.2 An honorary alderman or alderwoman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the council may from time to time decide, but shall not have the right—

(a) to attend meetings of the council or a committee of the council (including a joint committee upon which they are represented); or

(b) to receive any allowances or other payments.

Human Resources

3.1 None.

Information Technology

4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 None.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 None.