

Committee: Full Council

Agenda Item

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Title: **Procedure for nominating Honorary Aldermen**

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Item for decision

Summary

At the last Council meeting the Leader requested the Constitution Working Group to examine the process behind nominating Honorary Aldermen. The Working Group met on 23 June and as a result it is proposed to add a new Article to the Constitution. The wording in paragraph 5 below follows on from the discussion at that meeting. .

Recommendations

1. That the Constitution is amended to include the process for nominating Honorary Aldermen

Financial Implications

2. None

Background Papers

3. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None

Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

5. The proposed Article of the Constitution is as follows:

Article 18 Honorary Aldermen

- 18.1.1 *The Council may confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman upon persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of that Council, but who are not then members of the Council.*
- 18.1.2 *Any person nominated for such title shall normally have served for 20 years as a member of the Council.*
- 18.1.3 *Nominations for the title may be made in writing by any existing Member of the Council and shall be made before the last meeting of the Council preceding an ordinary election of councillors.*
- 18.1.4 *Any nominations received shall be referred to the Chairman of the Council who shall consult with the group leaders and the Chief Executive before deciding whether to put the nomination to Full Council.*
- 18.1.5 *In the event that the nominations do go forward to Full Council a majority of 2/3rds of the members voting thereon is required before the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman can be conferred.*
- 18.1.6 *A certificate shall be presented to each Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman acknowledging their appointment with an appropriate citation.*
- 18.1.7 *Honorary Aldermen or Honorary Alderwomen may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the council may from time to time decide.*
- 18.1.8 *Honorary Aldermen or Honorary Alderwomen shall not be entitled to be addressed as Alderman or Alderwoman and may not take part in any civic ceremonies in that capacity at any time while they are serving as a member of the Council*

Risk Analysis

6. There are no material risks associated with this proposal