

Committee: Annual Council

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Title: Nomination of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

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Summary

1. This report considers the nominations of former Councillors David Morson, Jackie Cheetham, Elizabeth Godwin and Christina Cant as Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen of Uttlesford District Council.
2. The nomination for former Councillor Jackie Cheetham has been made in writing by Councillor Susan Barker, Leader of the Conservative Group.
3. The nomination for former Councillor David Morson has been made in writing by Councillor Geoffrey Sell, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.
4. The nominations of former Councillors Elizabeth Godwin and Christina Cant have been made in writing by Councillor Geof Driscoll.
5. This report was revised to include the nominations of former Councillors Godwin and Cant on 19 May 2023.

Recommendations

6. To consider the nominations of former Councillors Jackie Cheetham, David Morson, Elizabeth Godwin and Christina Cant as Honorary Alderwomen and Aldermen of Uttlesford District Council.

Financial Implications

7. None.

Background Papers

8. 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.

[The Constitution – Part 2](#)

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None
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Community Safety	None
Equalities	None.
Health and Safety	None.
Human Rights/Legal Implications	To ensure compliance with the Constitution's nomination procedure.
Sustainability	None.
Ward-specific impacts	All.
Workforce/Workplace	None.

Situation

10. The protocol for the nomination of Honorary Alderman is set out in Part 2 of the Council's Constitution. It reads as follows:

17.1. 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.

17.2 Any person nominated for such title shall normally have served for 20 years as a member of the Council.

17.3 Nominations for the title may be made in writing by any existing Member of the Council and shall be made before the annual meeting of the Council following an ordinary election of councillors or in exceptional circumstances before any annual meeting of the Council.

17.4 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.

17.5 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.

17.6 A certificate shall be presented to each Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman acknowledging their appointment with an appropriate citation.

17.7 Honorary Aldermen or Honorary Alderwomen may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide.

17.8 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.

11. Members are asked to consider the nominations of former Councillors Cheetham, Morson, Godwin and Cant as per the process stated above. Members are asked **to note that a majority of 2/3rds of members voting on the appointment** is required in order to confer the titles of Honorary Alderwoman or Alderman.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the nomination process for Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman does not comply with the Council's protocol set-out in Part 2 of the Constitution.	2	2	The protocol has been included for members' reference and Group Leaders have been consulted prior to the nominations being formally published with the Council agenda.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.