

Report of:	Managing Director
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Key Decision:	No
Report Track:	Extraordinary Council: 29/05/19

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL**29 MAY 2019****HONORARY ALDERMEN****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors Gordon Ball, Diane Bennett, Doris Grice, Robert Todd, Michael Sandel and Michael Stretton.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman on those former Councillors nominated for the title, in recognition of their eminent services to the Council.
- 2.2 That each Honorary Alderman be presented with a certificate of recognition at the next meeting of full Council on Wednesday 17th July 2019.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits a principal Council by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman on persons who have, rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of that Council, but who are not then members of the Council.
- 3.2 All of the above named former Councillors meet the required criteria to be considered for the title of Honorary Alderman (Appendix 1).

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Priorities as follows:

- (i) The Honorary Alderman and Honorary Alderwoman titles are recognition of the community leadership role of Members as identified in the Council's mission.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that a principal Council may, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object, confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman on 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.
- 5.2 An Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman of a principal Council may attend and take part in such Civic Ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide, but shall not, as such have the right -
- a) to attend meetings of the Council or a Committee of the Council;
 - b) to receive any such allowances or other payments under section 173 to 176 of the Local Government Act 1972; or
 - c) whilst serving as a Councillor, be entitled to be addressed as Alderman/Alderwoman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council as an Alderman/Alderwoman.
- 5.3 The service of each of the named former Councillors is set out below:

Mr. Gordon Ball

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 1991 to 2015 (24 years).
- Held office of Vice-Chairman of the Council during 2011-12.

Mrs. Diane Bennett

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 2000 to 2012 (12 years).
- Served on a number of the Council's Committees.

Mr. Ray Easton

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 1980 to 1987 and 2002 to 2012 (17 years).
- Held office of Vice-Chairman of the Council during 2006-07 and Chairman of the Council during 2007-08.
- Portfolio Holder on the Council's Cabinet.

Mrs. Doris Grice

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 1999 to 2002 and from 2003 to 2019 (19 years).
- Held office of Vice-Chairman of the Council during 2012-13 and Chairman of the Council during 2013-14.

Mr. Robert Todd

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 1986 to 1991, 1998 to 2004 and 2011 - 2015 (15 years).
- Held office of Chairman of the Council during 2012-13.
- Served as Chairman on a number of the Council's Committees.

Mr. Michael Sandel

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 1990 to 2003 (13 years).
- Held office of Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Housing and Health Committee.
- Portfolio Holder on the Council's Cabinet for Housing and Health.

Mr. Michael Stretton

- Served on Cannock Chase District Council from 1983 to 1999 and 2002 to 2007 (20 years).
- Held office of Chairman of the Council during 1990-91.
- Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

All costs associated with awarding this honour can be met from existing Civic budgets.

6.2 Legal

The legal implications are set out in the report.

6.3 Human Resources

None.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

None.

6.5 Human Rights Act

None.

6.6 Data Protection

None.

6.7 Risk Management

None.

6.8 Equality & Diversity

None.

6.9 Best Value

None.

7 Appendices to the Report

Appendix 1: Criteria and process for appointing Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen of Cannock Chase

Background Papers

29th November 2017-Council Report 'Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen'

Criteria and Process for Appointing Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen of Cannock Chase

1. HONORARY ALDERMEN / ALDERWOMEN

Criteria for Conferment

- 1.1 The title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman is to only be awarded following retirement of a Councillor, either by choice or at the will of the electorate.
- 1.2 To be considered for the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman, a retired Councillor must have served at least twelve years (three terms in office) on Cannock Chase District Council (though the terms do not need to be consecutive) and be considered to have rendered eminent services to the District.

Process for Conferment

- 1.3 Nominations for this award must be made in writing to the Managing Director and should be received no later than two weeks prior to the Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May.
- 1.4 Consideration to confer the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman on retired Councillors will only be determined once per year, at a special meeting of the Council to be convened at 3 p.m. on the day of the Council's AGM in May (where necessary).
- 1.5 Nominations must be made by a serving Councillor on Cannock Chase District Council.
- 1.6 Following approval to confer the title, an address confirming the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman will be presented by the Chairman of the Council at a subsequent meeting of the Council.
- 1.7 Names of Honorary Aldermen / Alderwomen will be inscribed on an Honours Board located in the Civic Suite.