

Section 4a

Honorary Titles

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4a.1 Under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to confer the titles of:

- Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on persons who have rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of the Council, but who are not then Members of the Council;
- Freedom of the District to persons of distinction, and, in the opinion of the Council, have rendered eminent services to the District; and
- Freedom of Entry to current serving uniformed organisations which have rendered conspicuous service and are associated with the District.

4a.2 These titles can only be conferred by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a meeting specially convened for such purpose.

4a.3 No Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman shall, while serving as a Member of the Council, 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.

4a.4 An Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman 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; or
- (b) to receive any allowances or other payments

4a.5 The Council may spend such reasonable sums as it thinks fit for the purpose of presenting an address or casket containing an address, to a person or organisation on whom they have conferred the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman, Freedom of the District or Freedom of Entry.

4a.6 Freedom of Entry grants military organisations the freedom to march through the streets of the District with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

4a.7 Awarding the title of Freedom of the District or Freedom of Entry does not confer any rights or responsibilities on that individual or organisation.

4a.8 The criteria and process to be followed for conferring honorary titles is set out in Part 5, Section 41 of the Constitution.