



## **North Devon Council**

Report Date: Wednesday, 19 July 2023

Topic: Appointment of Honorary Aldermen

Report by: Chief Executive

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The Procedures Committee at its meeting on 20 February 2012 considered the process for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen and recommended that the appointment of Aldermen be considered every four years following the ordinary election of Councillors.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. Note the process involved in any potential appointment.
- 2.2. Consider whether it wishes to appoint any former members of the Council as Honorary Aldermen at a specially convened extraordinary Council meeting.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1. To obtain Council's view on whether it wishes to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen on any former Councillors.

### **4. REPORT**

- 4.1. The Local Government Act 1972 provides for the title of Honorary Aldermen to be conferred 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 serving Councillors.
- 4.2. To do this the Act requires:
  - 4.2.1. A specially convened extraordinary Council meeting for the appointment of the title of Honorary Aldermen.
  - 4.2.2. A Council resolution passed by two thirds of the Members voting.
- 4.3. Any Aldermen subsequently elected a Member of the Council would no longer be entitled to be addressed as an Honorary Alderman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council in that capacity.
- 4.4. An Honorary Alderman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council decides, but shall not have the right to:
  - 4.4.1. Attend and take part in Council meeting or committees, or
  - 4.4.2. Receive any such allowances or other payments as are payable to Members of the Council.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. None, except the costs for a potential specially convened extraordinary Council meeting and the printing of a certificate.

## 6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1. There are no equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

## 8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8.1. What impact, positive or negative, does the subject of this report have on:

8.1.1. The commercialisation agenda: none

8.1.2. Improving customer focus and/or: none

8.1.3. Regeneration or economic development: none

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

9.1. Article 4, paragraph 4.5.10

9.2. Delegated power

## 10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Local Government Act 1972

## 12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers: Chief Executive, Head of Governance and Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.