

## **NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL**  
**DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN**  
**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, empowers the Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman. The title can be conferred on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services as past Members of that Council, but who are not then Councillors. NDC's Constitution also provides for the appointment honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen.
- 1.2 The Procedures Committee at its meeting on 20th 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.
- 1.3 At the last Full Council, Members considered whether to hold an extraordinary Council to consider the possible appointment of Honorary Aldermen and decided to do so.
- 1.4 Group Leaders have been asked to make nominations and these form the recommendations below.

### **2 . RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council appoint the following people to be Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen in recognition of the long and eminent service that each has given to North Devon Council, to local government and to the community:-

Des Brailey  
Michael Edmunds  
Faye Webber

### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To obtain Council's view on whether it wishes to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen on the three nominations.

## 4 REPORT

4.1 The Act provides for the title of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen 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 Councillors.

4.2 To do this the Act requires:

- a specially convened extraordinary Council meeting for the appointment of the title of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen.
- a Council resolution passed by two-thirds of the Members voting

4.3 Any Alderman/Alderwoman subsequently elected a Member of the Council would no longer be entitled to be addressed as Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council in that capacity.

4.4 An Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council decide, but doesn't have the right to:

- attend and take part in Council meeting or committees, or
- receive such allowances or other payment as are payable to Members of the Council

4.5 Nominations have been sought from Group Leaders and these are reflected in the recommendations.

## 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None, except the potential convening of a special Council meeting and the printing of a certificate.

## 6 EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1 There are not any equalities impacts anticipated as a result of this report.

## 7 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

| Article or Appendix<br>and paragraph | Referred or<br>delegated power? |
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| Article 4, paragraph<br>4.5.10       | Delegated                       |

## 8 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 Nothing in this report is confidential.

## 9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

### 9.1 Local Government Act 1972

### 9.2 Background papers will be available for inspection and will be kept by the author of the report.

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Reference: 2019.09.25 extraordinary council honorary alderman