

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 SEPTEMBER 2019</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>			
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>ALL</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>NO</b>		
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	<b>NO</b>		

### **Purpose of Report**

Council approved a policy for the enrolment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen at its meeting held on the 16 May 2019, which incorporated the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. This report provides the first set of nominations for Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- i) That Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman on those former Councillors nominated for the title as detailed below, in recognition of their eminent services to the Council;
  - May Barsby
  - Ramon Buttery
  - Ken Creed
  - Les Matthews
  - Glenys Maxwell
  - Robert Sears-Piccavey
  - David Shooter
  - Frances Stein
  - Gail Turner
  
- ii) That in accordance with the approved Policy, Members enrolled be awarded a framed Certificate of Conferral of the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman which carries the Common Seal of the Council (witnessed by the Chairman of the Council and the Chief Executive) and a Badge of Office including the title 'Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman'.

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

The appointment of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen is a means of giving recognition to former Councillors of Ashfield District Council who in the opinion of the Council have rendered eminent service to the Council and the District.

## **Alternative Options Considered**

In accordance with the Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman Policy, all Councillors were given the opportunity to put forward their nominations. Furthermore, following the close of nominations, the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, Leader of the Council and the Opposition Group Leaders were duly notified to allow any written comments or objections to the nominations. None were received.

## **Detailed Information**

### **Introduction and Background**

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits a local authority to confer the title of Honorary Alderman or 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”.

The Protocol, attached as Appendix 1 of this report, sets out the process for awarding the courtesy title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman and the rights and privileges it confers.

### **Nominations**

On the 21 August 2019, all Members of the Council were contacted to submit their nominations for Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman. Nine nominations were received and all Group Leaders were duly notified to allow any comments on the nominations to be received and considered.

Nine former Members of the Council were nominated and no additional comments were received from Group Leaders. Those nominated are listed below with details of their Terms of Office and notable special duties.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Terms of Office (4 years):</b>	<b>Notable Special Duties during Terms of Office:</b>
May Barsby	May 1987, May 1991, May 1995, May 1999, May 2003, May 2007, May 2011	Chairman of the Council, Vice-Chairman of the Council Chairman Housing/Social Inclusion, Education and Training Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Chairman Scrutiny Panel B
Ramon Buttery	May 2003, May 2007, May 2011	Chairman Personnel Committee, Vice Chairman Gambling, Alcohol, Licensing and Entertainments Committee, Chairman Audit (and Standards) Committee

Name:	Terms of Office (4 years):	Notable Special Duties during Terms of Office:
Ken Creed	May 1979, May 1983, May 1987, May 1991, May 1995, May 1999, May 2003	Leader of the Council, Chairman Environmental Health & Control Committee, Vice Chairman Housing Services Committee
Les Matthews	May 1991, May 1995, May 1999, May 2003	Deputy Leader of the Council , Chairman Public Services Committee, Vice Chairman Housing Services Committee, Chairman Sutton Area Consultative Group
Glenys Maxwell	May 2011, May 2015	Chairman Planning Committee, Chairman Local Development Framework Steering Group, Chairman Charities Committee, Chairman of the Council, Chairman Sutton Area Committee
Robert Sears-Piccavey	May 1999, May 2007, May 2011, May 2015	Cabinet Member Finance, Chairman Rural Area Consultative Group, <u>Outside Body</u> – Mansfield and District Crematorium Joint Committee
David Shooter	May 1987, May 1991, May 1995, May 1999	Chairman of the Council, Chairman Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Panel, Vice Chairman Leisure and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Vice Chairman Recreation and Amenities Committee, Vice Chairman of Finance Sub Committee
Frances Stein	May 1976, May 1979, May 1983, May 1987 RESIGNED 17.5.1989	Vice Chairman of the Council, <u>Outside Body</u> - NCC Standing Advisory Committee on Museum and the Arts <u>Outside Body</u> – Mansfield & District Arts Association
Gail Turner	May 2003, May 2007, May 2011, May 2015 to October 2015	Chairman Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chairman Rural Area Consultative Group, <u>Outside Body</u> - Ashfield Homes Board, <u>Outside Body</u> - Notts Rural Community Council

## **Implications**

### **Corporate Plan:**

Ashfield District Council values the democratic role that Councillors have in representing the people of Ashfield. The Aldermen/Alderwomen Policy recognises the contributions of past Councillors to the Council and the District.

### **Legal:**

The legal provisions are set out in the body of the report.

### **Finance:**

<b>Budget Area</b>	<b>Implication</b>
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Costs incurred are expected to be minimal and exceptional in nature. As such any costs incurred should be contained within the annual Civic Budget for that year.that year.
General Fund – Capital Programme	None
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

### **Risk:**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
There are no significant risks associated with the enrolment of Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen.	None

### **Human Resources:**

There are no significant HR to the enrolment of Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen, as according to the criteria set out in the protocol, this relates to former members of the Council and not employees.

### **Equalities:**

The enrolment of Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen does not have a negative or positive impact in relation to any group of people with protected characteristics. The proposed criteria as set out in the policy will be applied to each past member nominated and considered by Council for approval on an individual basis.

**Other Implications:**

None

**Reason(s) for Urgency**

None

**Reason(s) for Exemption**

None

**Background Papers**

None

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