

DECISION ITEM

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RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	SPECIAL COUNCIL	15 JULY 2019	2

HONORARY ALDERMEN

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

It has been the Council's previous practice to give the status of Honorary Alderman to past councillors who have served the Borough for 16 years or more. Following the recent Borough Council elections there would be three such individuals eligible for this status.

Eligibility is for those individuals who are no longer serving councillors but who, in the opinion of the council, have rendered valuable services to Fylde Borough Council as Members in the past.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Tim Ashton, Maxine Chew and Louis Rigby having, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service to Fylde Borough Council as a past Member of that Council, the Council confers on them the title of Honorary Alderman; and
2. That for the years of service and dedication to the borough, a vote of special thanks be recorded and placed on record for Christine Akeroyd and Keith Beckett for them both having rendered eminent service to Fylde Borough Council.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Finance and Democracy Committee, 30 November 2015 - it was resolved that the additional criteria for conferment of Honorary Alderman be amended from 20 years aggregate service to 16 years aggregate service.

Operational Management Committee, 12 September 2017 – it was agreed to the provision of an Alderman's car parking pass for use on all Fylde Borough owned and operated car parks without any time restrictions.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. Tim Ashton (28 years service), Maxine Chew (16 years service) and Louis Rigby (43 years service) as past Members of the Borough Council are eligible, based on past custom and practice, to have the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman.
2. The council can confer this title, by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at the meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose.
3. An honorary alderman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the council may from time to time decide but, as such, has no additional right:
 - To attend meetings of the council or committee other than as a member of the public, or
 - To receive any of the allowances or other payments to which councillors are entitled
4. If members are minded to agree to these conferments the Council is able to expend a sum of money to produce an address to the person upon whom it has conferred the title. This address would be presented to those named individuals at a special celebration event to be arranged for September.
5. Special mention should be made in regards to Keith Beckett (16 years service) and Christine Akeroyd (17 years service), who would have been eligible for the conferment of title of Honorary Alderman, but sadly the title of Honorary Alderman cannot be awarded posthumously.
6. However it is suggested that for the years of service and dedication to the borough, a vote of special thanks be recorded and placed on record for Christine Akeroyd and Keith Beckett for them both having rendered eminent service to Fylde Borough Council. In addition, it is intended that an address recording this thanks be presented to the families of both Christine Akeroyd and Keith Beckett reflecting these special thanks.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Each address to be produced for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman will cost approximately £100 to produce. Honorary Alderman are also offered a free Residents Parking Permit at the cost of £25 per annum. These costs would be met from within existing budget provision.
Legal	The transaction of special business, such as honorary alderman, can only be undertaken at a meeting specially convened for the purpose in hand. However this meeting can precede or follow an ordinary meeting of the council.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Minutes	30/11/2015	F&D Minutes
Minutes	12/09/2017	OM Minutes

