

DECISION ITEM



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RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	6 JULY 2015	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 20 years or more. Following the recent Borough Council elections there would be two 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That Dawn Prestwich and Howard Henshaw 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.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

To Promote the Enhancement of The Natural & Built Environment (Place)		To Encourage Cohesive Communities (People)	√
To Promote a Thriving Economy (Prosperity)		To Meet Expectations of our Customers (Performance)	

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There have been no previous decisions in regards to this report.

REPORT

1. Dawn Prestwich (38 years service) and Howard Henshaw (20 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 the next meeting of the council.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Each address to be produced for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman will cost approximately £100 to produce. 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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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