

Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman appointments

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Recommended:

That, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the status of Honorary Alderwoman be conferred upon Dorothy Baverstock and Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Tony Ward as past members of Test Valley Borough Council in recognition of their having rendered eminent services to the Council and to the people of Test Valley.

SUMMARY:

- Pursuant to the provisions of section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Council's local Scheme, the Council is requested to consider conferring Honorary Alderwoman status upon former Councillor Dorothy Baverstock and Honorary Alderman status upon former Councillor Tony Ward.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Test Valley Borough Council has powers under the Local Government Act 1972 s249 to 'confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of that Council who are not then Councillors of the Council'.

2 Background

- 2.1 On 4 July 2012 Council resolved to adopt the 'TVBC Alderman and Alderwoman Scheme' to award the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman of the Borough to past Councillors who had rendered eminent services to the Borough and the Community. Council also agreed to backdate the title to 18 April 2011 when the original motion to introduce a local Scheme was resolved.
- 2.2 The Scheme applies to past Councillors with effect from 18 April 2011 when the original motion to approve a scheme in principle was approved by Council.
- 2.3 The Leader of the Council, Councillor North supported by Councillor Gwynne Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, have proposed that the titles of Honorary Alderwoman and Alderman be conferred upon former Councillors Dorothy Baverstock and Tony Ward who have rendered eminent services to the Borough and the community of Test Valley.

3 Risk Management

- 3.1 An evaluation of the risks associated with the matters in this report indicate that further risk assessment is not needed because the issues covered do not represent significant risks or have been considered by Councillors.

4 Options and Appraisal

- 4.1 The options for consideration are:
- 4.2 Option 1 - To confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Woman as recommended.
- 4.3 Option 2 – To confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on any one of the proposed recipients.
- 4.4 Option 3 – Not to confer the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman at this time.
- 4.5 The conferring of the status of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman upon a past member of the Council is an entirely appropriate and established legal mechanism for recognising his or her eminent service for that reason option 1 is the recommended option.

5 Resource Implications

- 5.1 The costs involved in conferring Honorary Alderman status will be met from existing budgets.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 In accordance with section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the holder of the status of Honorary Alderman of a principal council may attend and take part in such civil ceremonies as the council may from time to time decide, but shall not as such have the right (a) to attend meetings of the Council or a committee of the Council (including a joint committee upon which they are represented) or (b) to receive any such allowances or other payments as are payable under sections 173 to 176 above.

7 Equality Issues

- 7.1 No equality issues arise out of this report.

8 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 8.1 It is recommended that the status of Honorary Alderwoman is conferred upon Dorothy Baverstock and that the status of Honorary Alderman is conferred upon Tony Ward.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)

[Council - 18 April 2011](#)

[Cabinet Meeting – 6 June 2012](#)

[Council meeting - 4 July 2012](#)

Confidentiality

It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.

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