

NEWCASTLE-UNDER LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM TO COUNCIL

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APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN FOR NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

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Portfolio: Communications, Policy and Partnerships

In accordance with the Council's decision on 4 June 2014 to adopt the principle of appointing Honorary Aldermen the Mayor has called a Special Meeting of the Council to consider making such appointments.

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Council's 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 elected members. Thus, the title can only be conferred upon past members of the Council who are not councillors at the date of the meeting.

The Councils constitution in this matter is worded as follows:-

"That an Honorary Alderman shall at least:-

- a) Not be a serving Member of the Council.
- b) Be a person of distinction who has rendered eminent services to the Council and the community.
- c) Have served a period of not less than 12 years on the Council which may be continuous or discontinuous.
- d) Have normally held a substantive office on the Council such as Mayor, Committee Chair, Group Leader, or Cabinet Member"

Any such appointment must be made by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a special meeting of the Council.

Honorary Alderman are entitled to attend civic occasions as the Council may from time to time decide. They do not have any specific right to participate in the ordinary business of the Council.

The Council is now invited to consider appointing further Honorary Aldermen for Newcastle-under-Lyme by passing the following resolutions:-

John Thomas Meir

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 John Thomas Meir be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme in recognition of the eminent services to the people of the Borough through performance of his duties as a member of the Borough Council for a period of 27 years between 1972 and 1999 including as Deputy Mayor in 1998/1999 and as a former Chairman of the Public Transport and Economic Development Committees.

Christopher Malkin

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Christopher Malkin be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme in recognition of the eminent services to the people of the Borough through performance of his duties as a member of the Borough Council for a period of 16 years between 1974 and 1990, including as a former Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Terry Probert

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Terry Probert be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme in recognition of the eminent services to the people of the Borough through performance of his duties as a member of the Borough Council for 13 years between 1989 and 2002 including as a former Cabinet Member and Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group..

Robert Ashley Howells JP

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Robert Ashley Howells JP be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme in recognition of the eminent services to the people of the Borough through performance of his duties as a member of the Borough Council for 12 years between 2000 - 2008 and 2010 - 2014 including as a former Chairman of the Planning Committee and Leisure and Democracy and Social Inclusion Panels.