

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM TO COUNCIL**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN FOR  
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME**

**Submitted by:** Mayor's Secretary

**Portfolio:** Corporate and Service Improvement, People 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:-

**Margaret Astle**

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Margaret Astle 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 her duties as a member of the Borough Council for a period of 21 years between 1997 and 2008 and 2011 to 2018 including as a former Cabinet Member.

**Ann Elizabeth Beech**

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Ann Elizabeth Beech 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 her duties as a member of the Borough Council for a period of 13 years between 2004 and 2018, including as a former Cabinet Member and Chair of the Recycling and Waste Strategy Cabinet Panel.

**Sandra Hambleton**

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Sandra Hambleton 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 her duties as a member of the Borough Council for 15 years between 2003 and 2018 including as Mayor in 2015-2016 and Chair of the Employees Consultative Committee.

**Derrick Huckfield**

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Derrick Huckfield 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 1998 -2002, 2007 – 2011 and 2014-2018 and as a Group Leader for UKIP/Independents and the Newcastle Independents.

**Ian Matthews**

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Ian Matthews 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 14 years between 2004 and 2018 and as Chair of the Public Protection Committee and Chair of Economic Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee.

**Wenslie Naylor**

That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 Wenslie Naylor 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 her duties as a member of the Borough Council for 15 years between 2000-2011 and 2014-2018 and as chair of the Conservation Advisory Working Party and Chair of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee.