

## **Extraordinary Meeting of the Council – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Honorary Alderman**

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider a report of the Leader on conferring the title of Honorary Alderman.

##### **Background**

2. Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1972 provides that the Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council but who are not then Councillors of the Council.
3. When such honours have been bestowed, it has been customary in Dudley that a ceremony has been held at which the presentation has been made.
4. The Leader has requested that this meeting be convened to seek consideration of this matter.

##### **Finance**

5. Any costs arising will be met from within the Council's budget.

##### **Law**

6. The legal powers are contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

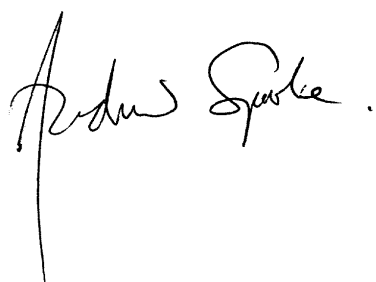
##### **Equality Impact**

7. There are no equality and diversity considerations arising from this report. There are no direct implications for children and young people and therefore, there has been no consultation or involvement of external groups in developing the proposals.

## **Recommendations**

8. It is recommended:-

- That consideration be given to the conferring of the title of Honorary Alderman.
- That should it be decided to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on any person, the Chief Executive be authorised to take all necessary action regarding the Badge of Office for the recipient and the presentation ceremony.

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**Andrew Sparke**  
**Chief Executive**

## **List of Background Papers**

None.