

## **Extraordinary Meeting of the Council – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

### **Honorary Aldermen/Women**

#### **Purpose**

1. To invite the Council to appoint any Honorary Aldermen/Women pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **Recommendations**

2. That the Council determine whether to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Woman.
3. That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any appropriate arrangements arising from the decision of the Council.

#### **Background**

##### **Honorary Aldermen/Women**

4. 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 on it at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Woman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council but who are not then serving Councillors.

5. The Council has previously agreed that in normal circumstances, persons will only be nominated for the position of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman if they have previously served on the Council for a minimum of 12 years (or 3 terms of office). This does not, however, preclude the Council from considering any nominations where a person has served as a Councillor for less than 12 years. The Council retains sole discretion to determine if it wishes to confer the honorary titles where it considers that a person has rendered eminent services to the Council.
6. The Council confirmed the criteria and process for Honorary Aldermen/Women appointments at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
7. Should the Council resolve to appoint any Honorary Aldermen/Women, it has been customary for the Chief Executive to make appropriate arrangements to present the honour.

### **Finance**

8. The costs involved with the making of Honorary Alderman/Woman appointments will be identified from within existing budgets.

### **Law**

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

### **Risk Management**

10. There are no implications for the Council's Risk Management Framework.

### **Equality Impact**

11. There are no implications for the Council's commitment to equality and diversity.

### **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

12. Any decisions will be administered within existing resources.

### **Commercial/Procurement**

13. There are no direct implications.

## **Environment/Climate Change**

14. There are no direct implications.

## **Council Plan**

15. There are no implications for the Council Plan.

**Balvinder Heran**  
**Chief Executive**