



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

19th September 2016

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	INSTALLATION OF HONORARY ALDERMAN
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1. Purpose

1.1 For the Council to confirm that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Lee Mason, past Mayor of the Borough of Northampton, in recognition of her eminent service as Member of the Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Council confirms that it wishes to confer the status of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Lee Mason, past Mayor of the Borough of Northampton, in recognition of her eminent service as Member of the Council.

2.2 It is further recommended that this meeting stand adjourned until 6.30pm on Monday the 3rd October 2016 in order to install Councillor Mason as Honorary Alderman.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 (the "1972 Act") enables a Council 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 the Council, but who are not then members of the Council.

3.1.2 Any resolution to confer the title of Honorary Alderman must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.

- 3.1.3 The honour is purely ceremonial. Honorary Aldermen may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may decide, but do not as such have the right to attend to participate in meetings or committees of the Council, or to receive allowances or other payments. However, the 1972 enables the Council to spend a reasonable sum for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address, to a person on whom they have conferred the title.
- 3.1.4 At the Council meeting on 23rd May 2013, the Council approved the principle of conferring the title on former Councillors with 12 years or more past service, and who, in the opinion of Council, have rendered eminent service to the Council. 3.1.5
- 3.1.5 Former Councillor Lee Mason, a past Mayor of the Borough of Northampton, served as a member of the Council of in excess of 12 years and is proposed for this Honour in accordance with Council policy.
- 3.1.6 It is proposed to install former Councillor L Mason as Honorary Alderman at a meeting to be held on the 3rd October 2016. Members are requested to note that a two-thirds majority will be required.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 This report is in line with existing Council policy.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 The minor costs of this award can be met within budget.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 There are no new legal implications

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 There are no equality implications

5. Background Papers

5.1 Council Minutes, 23rd May 2013

David Kennedy, Chief Executive