

Item

NOMINATIONS OF HONORARY COUNCILLORS



To:

Civic Affairs Committee 17/05/2021

Report by:

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Wards affected:

All

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The report details the issues to consider and decide for recommendation to Council on 27 May 2021. An update paper will be published on 17 May when information from the political groups will have been received.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To recommend to Council:
- (i) The nominations for Honorary Councillors (if any) as updated in a paper to be circulated on 17 May.

3. Background

Honorary Councillors

- 3.1 The Committee will consider any nominations if put. The requirements to be satisfied are set out below:
- i. No person shall be eligible normally for election as an Honorary Councillor unless s/he has served as a Councillor at least 10 years (or a person who has been Mayor, for 8 years) whether continuously or not.

- ii. Application for election as an Honorary Councillor shall be made either by the applicant him/herself or by some member of the Council on his/her behalf. Such application shall be submitted to the Chief Executive for consideration by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Council. It shall be in the discretion of the Civic Affairs Committee to make or withhold a recommendation to the Council. The names of those applicants who are not recommended by the Civic Affairs Committee shall not be recorded in the report of that Committee to the Council.
- iii. Election to the position of Honorary Councillor shall be by a resolution of the Council passed on the recommendation of the Civic Affairs Committee by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon at a meeting of the Council, the summons to which contains special notice that included in the business to be transacted is the election of an Honorary Councillor.
- iv. An Honorary Councillor shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges –
 - a) In civic processions, Honorary Councillors shall take precedence immediately after serving Councillors and shall have precedence amongst themselves according to the number of years service on the Council.
 - b) On request to receive a copy of the Council summons, together with Council and Committee minutes.
 - c) At each meeting of the Council to have a seat in a block reserved for the use of Honorary Councillors.
 - d) The use, in common with members of the Council, of the Members' Rooms in the Guildhall.
 - e) To be invited, where circumstances permit, to those civic functions to which all members of the Council are invited.
 - f) To receive a copy of the Diary and Year Book issued by the Council.
 - g) On death, to have a flag flown above the Guildhall at half-mast.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

None.

(b) Staffing Implications

None

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

None

(d) Environmental Implications

None

(e) Procurement Implications

None

(f) Community Safety Implications

None

5. Consultation and communication considerations

None

6. Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

7. Appendices

None

8. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact Gary Clift, Democratic Services Manager, tel: 01223 - 457011, email: gary.clift@cambridge.gov.uk.