

Special Council

22 March 2012

Agenda Item 3

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Appointment of Honorary Alderman		
Date of Meeting:	22 March 2012		
Report of:	Monitoring Officer		
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Ward(s) affected:	All [If not All, insert affected wards]		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To consider whether it would be appropriate to mark and record the contributions of the previous member of the Council who has made an exceptional contribution to the work of the council and to the community, by making them Honorary Alderman.
- 1.2 This report asks Council to confer the honour and title of Honorary Alderman of Brighton & Hove on the person listed in paragraph 3 of the report to have such a title.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Council admits Brian Oxley to be an Honorary Aldermen of Brighton and Hove.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 As recognition of eminent past services to the council, the council may, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman. A majority of two-thirds of the Members present at such a meeting is required.
- 3.2 The title is purely a mark of respect and does not confer on the holder any right to attend Council or Committee meetings or to be made any payment.
- 3.3 If the holder becomes or is a councillor the title is effectively suspended and may not be used as a form of address nor entitle the holder to attend civic ceremonies as an Alderman or Alderwoman. Otherwise it is open to the council to invite Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen to civic ceremonies.

Protocol

3.4 The agreed protocol for the basis of nominations for Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen is set out below:

- a) qualification for nomination only relates to those Members, who have served on Brighton & Hove City Council, (with service on the constituent authorities also being taken into account),
- b) have a period of at least 15 years service, or
- c) have a period of at least 12 years and notable service such as Chair of an Executive Committee.

3.5 The following past member of the council have been duly nominated having met the criteria in 3.4 above:

- (i) Brian Oxley, Westbourne Ward

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 All the Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of the nominee to be conferred as an Honorary Alderman and were in agreement.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: John Timson Date: 05/03/12

Legal Implications:

5.2 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to admit to be Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen of Brighton and Hove; persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City as past members of the council, and who are no longer members. The award of the title of Honorary Freeman has to be done by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon Date: 05/03/12

Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no sustainability implications arising from the report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are no crime & disorder implications arising from the report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are no risk and opportunity management implications arising from the report.

Public Health Implications:

5.7 There are no public health implications arising from the report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 The appointment of Honorary Alderman is a decision taken by the Council with at least two thirds of the voting Members in favour of the recommendation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None.

Documents in Members' Rooms

None.

Background Documents

None.

