

**Decision Maker:** GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN

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**Chief Officer:** Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 To agree nominees for appointment as Honorary Aldermen for consideration at a special meeting of the Council to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016, before the annual meeting.
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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

**That the following members be nominated to full Council for appointment as Honorary Aldermen –**

**Former Councillors Ernest Dyer and David Haslam**

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: There are some modest costs relating to production of badges and certificates, but these will be contained within existing budgets.
  2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation
  4. Total current budget for this head: £1,055,820
  5. Source of funding: 2015/16 revenue budget
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance: Discretionary – Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Former Members who meet the eligibility criteria.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Council on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 approved a Scheme of Enrolment of Honorary Aldermen and the first appointments of Honorary Aldermen were made and celebrated at a special Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008. Since then, further appointments have been made in 2010, 2011 and 2014.
- 3.2 An informal cross-party meeting has been held to consider potential Honorary Aldermen, and the following Members have been proposed - former councillors Ernest Dyer and David Haslam. Mr Dyer and Mr Haslam have both indicated that they would accept appointment as honorary aldermen. A third former member was proposed by the Working Group, but officers have not been able to make contact with him to confirm that he would accept the appointment. A brief summary of the service and positions held of the two candidates is attached in Appendix 1. The Scheme of Enrolment for Honorary Aldermen is attached at Appendix 2.

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 See Appendix 2.

### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposal involves some modest costs for the production of badges and certificates. The special Council meeting will be held on the same night as the Council's annual meeting and so meeting costs will be minimal.

### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The power to appoint honorary aldermen is contained in section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### 7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Reports to General Purposes and Licensing Committee 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2010 and 26 March 2014 – "Nominations for appointment as Honorary Aldermen"

**Nominations for Appointment as Honorary Aldermen**

<b><u>FORMER COUNCILLOR'S NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>POSITIONS HELD</u></b>
<b>Ernest Dyer</b>	1990 – 2001 Mottingham Ward	Chairman, Education Committee (1998 – 2001)
<b>David Haslam</b>	1978 – 1994 Biggin Hill Ward	Vice-Chairman, Development Control Committee (1981-1989)  Vice-Chairman, Leisure Services Committee (1989 – 1994)

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

**HONORARY ALDERMAN  
SCHEME OF ENROLMENT**

1. **Qualifications Required for Enrolment**

A person shall be deemed to be eligible for consideration to be nominated to the position of Honorary Alderman if he or she:

- i) has rendered a minimum of 12 years service as a member of the London Borough of Bromley; and
- ii) has rendered eminent, or notable, service generally or by service as Mayor, or a Chairman of a major Council Committee or holding one or more senior positions on the council in any political group.

2. **Method of Enrolment**

- 2.1 Applications for nomination as an Honorary Alderman shall be made by a Member of the Council and submitted, in writing, to the Director of Corporate Services for consideration by the General Purposes Committee.
- 2.2 Prior to the submission of any application for nomination, the person nominated shall be asked by the Member nominating him or her if he or she is willing to accept nomination for enrolment as an Honorary Alderman.
- 2.3 Election to the position of Honorary Alderman shall be by a resolution of the Council, passed on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose by the Mayor with notice of the object.
- 2.4 Following the election of a person to the position of Honorary Alderman, the Director of Corporate Services will arrange for the name of the person to be admitted to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen, which shall be established for such purpose.

3. **Rights and Privileges**

- 3.1 An Honorary Alderman shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges:
  - i) to enjoy the courtesy title of “Honorary Alderman” and to be addressed as such;
  - ii) to attend as an observer at meetings of the Council or any other meetings to which the press and public are admitted and to have a seat reserved for this purpose;
  - iii) on request, to receive a copy of the Council Summons and Agenda and a copy of the Council’s Year Book.
  - iv) to review invitations to all Civic events to which members of the Council are invited;

- v) to walk in Civic Processions in a position immediately senior to serving Members;
  - vi) to wear the Badge of Office of Honorary Alderman on Civic occasions.
  - vii) on death, to have the Borough flag flown at the Civic Centre at half mast.
  - viii) to enjoy such other privileges as the Council may confer upon them from time to time.
- 3.2 In the event of an Honorary Alderman resuming membership of the council, he or she shall cease to be entitled to be addressed as “Honorary Alderman” or to attend or take part in any Civic ceremonies of the Council as an Honorary Alderman.
- 3.3 It shall be competent for the Council in any particular case to withdraw the title of “Honorary Alderman” and the attached rights and privileges on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee. Such withdrawal of the title shall be by resolution of the Council, passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose by the Mayor. On the passing of such resolution, the Chief Executive shall delete the name of the person concerned from the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and advise that person accordingly.