

11 November 2019

Dear Members

Special Council Meeting

I hereby give notice that a special meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford on **Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 6.30pm** to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.



Tim Clegg
Chief Executive

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 19 NOVEMBER 2019

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR GARETH JONES

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Ward Interest:	Nil
Report Track:	Special Council (19/11/19) Only

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
19 NOVEMBER 2019
Honorary Aldermen**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors Mrs Joyce Farnham MBE, Mr Frank Finlay, Mr Brian Price, Mr Geoffrey Rowlands and Mr Kenneth Williamson.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That:

- (a) the Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors Mrs Joyce Farnham MBE, Mr Frank Finlay, Mr Brian Price, Mr Geoff Rowlands and Mr Kenneth Williamson in recognition of their eminent services to the Council as past members and,
- (b) badges and illuminated addresses be produced for each Honorary Alderman and presented to them by the Mayor at a suitable ceremony to be arranged.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the 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 but who are not currently members.
- 3.2 The Act requires the resolution to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen to be passed by not less than a two-thirds majority at a Council meeting called specially for that purpose.

- 3.3 All five of the named past members have served the Council over a considerable number of years in various capacities but are no longer serving members.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Nil

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the 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 but who are not currently members. Service on a predecessor authority can be counted for this purpose.
- 5.2 The Act requires the resolution to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen to be passed by not less than a two-thirds majority at a Council meeting called specially for that purpose.
- 5.3 The title of Honorary Alderman has the right to be addressed as “Alderman/ woman” and to attend civic ceremonies in that capacity. They have no right to attend or participate in Council meetings and cannot be paid an allowance.
- 5.4 The service of each of the named past Councillors is set out below:-

Mrs Joyce Farnham MBE

Served on Stafford Borough Council 1987 –1995 and 1999 - 2019

Chairman of Public Appeals 2003 - 2005 and 2011 - 2019
Chairman of Employee Appeals 2007 - 2011

Mayor of Stafford Borough 2005/06

Mr Frank Finlay

Served on Stafford Borough Council 1995 - 2019

Chairman of Resources Scrutiny - 1999 - 2003 and 2007 - 2011
Chairman for Leisure Scrutiny - 2006 - 2007
Cabinet Member for Environment and Health Portfolio 2011 - 2019

Mayor of Stafford Borough 2004/05

Mr Brian Price

Served on Stafford Borough Council 1987 - 1995 and 1999 - 2019

Chairman of Rationalisation of Schools Sub Committee 1991 - 1992

Vice-Chairman of Housing Services Committee 1993 - 1994

Chairman of Development Control Sub-Committee 2003 - 2005

Chairman of Leisure Scrutiny Committee 2009 - 2011

Mayor of Stafford Borough 2007 - 2008

Mr Geoffrey Rowlands

Served on Stafford Borough Council 1999 - 2019

Mr Kenneth Williamson

Served on Stafford Borough Council 2003 - 2019

Chairman of Resources Committee 2004 - 2007

Chairman of Development Control Committee 2007 - 2009

Cabinet Member for Resources Portfolio 2009 - 2019

- 5.5 The Act empowers the Council to spend a reasonable sum on presenting an address to the Honorary Alderman. It is proposed to produce an illuminated address and badges to present to the Honorary Aldermen. They will be presented at a ceremony or ceremonies to be arranged at a date or dates convenient to the recipients. The cost will be met from existing budgets.

6	Implications
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6.1	Financial	Costs will be contained within existing budgets.
	Legal	Legal implications are set out in the report
	Human Resources	None
	Human Rights Act	None
	Data Protection	None
	Risk Management	None

6.2	Community Impact Assessment Recommendations	<p>The Borough Council considers the effect of its actions on all sections of our community and has addressed all of the following Equality Strands in the production of this report, as appropriate:-</p> <p>Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.</p>
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Previous Consideration - Nil

Background Papers - File available in Law and Administration
