

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Report Originator	Chief Executive	Fwd Plan No: C15/010	
Wards Affected	All	1 st March 2016	
Title	APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the nomination of Mr Terry Freer as an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Kettering

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its last meeting on 16th December 2015, the Council resolved that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former members who have served as a Member of the Borough Council for at least 25 years and who have rendered eminent services to the Council, or whose contribution during a shorter period of service is considered to be particularly distinguished or outstanding.
- 2.2 The title cannot be conferred on a serving councillor; it can only be given to a past member who has no intention of standing for election in the future. The office of Honorary Alderman does not carry the right to participate in any meetings as a member of the Council or to claim any allowances. An Honorary Alderman can, however, promote civic pride in the Borough and can attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide.
- 2.3. Members will know that Terry Freer has resigned as a councillor. Mr Freer was first elected to Kettering Borough Council in 1976 and has served continuously since that date. He was elected Mayor in 1982 and for many years was Leader of the Council. He has had a leading role in the economic development of the Borough since the 1970s, for overseeing growth in and around the Borough's four towns, the development of our current recycling services and our leisure facilities, and in recent years, helped shape the development to the East of Kettering. Up to his retirement, Mr Freer represented residents of St Peter's Ward and as such was an active member of the West Side Community Association. He has also held positions on the County Council and within the NHS.
- 2.4 Should Council agree to nominate Mr Freer as an Honorary Alderman, It is proposed that, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, a special meeting of Full Council be convened at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 20th April 2016 (prior to the scheduled meeting).

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications

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4. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

None has been undertaken.

5. FINANCE IMPLICATIONS

As a District Council with Borough status the Council may spend such reasonable sum as they see fit for the purpose of presenting an address or a casket containing an address to a person upon whom they have conferred a title. It is customary to present a scroll and hold a civic reception following the special council meeting. The costs are modest and can be met within existing overall budgets

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The legal basis for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen is set out in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. RECOMMENDATION

That

- (i) the Council nominates Mr Terry Freer to be considered for award of the title of Honorary Alderman; and
- (ii) a special meeting of Council be convened to take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 20th April 2016 for the purpose of considering a resolution to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr Terry Freer.

Background Papers:

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