

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Report Originator</b>	Chief Executive	<i>Fwd Plan No:</i> -	
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	
<b>Title</b>	<b>HONORARY ALDERMAN</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman of The Borough of Kettering upon Mr Terence John Freer following his retirement from the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### 2. INFORMATION

2.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a Borough Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on those persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, given eminent services to the Council or Borough.

2.2 At a meeting held on 16th December 2015, Kettering Borough Council resolved that the award of 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.

2.3 The Local Government Act 1972 provides that Honorary Aldermen must be appointed at a special meeting of the Council convened for that purpose. The resolution must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the members in attendance at the meeting.

2.4 At the meeting of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, it was resolved 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 the Council be convened to take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for the purpose of considering a resolution to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr Terry Freer*

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible to hold the special meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

2.5 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. They can, however, attend and take part in such civic ceremonial events as the Council may from time to time decide.

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### 3. **FINANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The costs can be met within existing overall budgets

### 4. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The legal basis for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Freemen are set out in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 as referred to in paragraph 2.1 above.

### 7. **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- (i) in recognition of 40 years' continuous eminent public service as a Councillor and pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Kettering be conferred on Mr Terence John Freer; and
- (ii) subject to (i) above, a badge of office and framed scroll be presented to Mr Freer.