

# Extraordinary Council Meeting

20 July 2022

**Time** 5.45 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Full Council

**Venue** Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

**Membership** (Quorum for this meeting is 15 Councillors)

**Mayor** Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE (Lab)

**Deputy Mayor** Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre (Lab)

## Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed  
Cllr Qaiser Azeem  
Cllr Mary Bateman  
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE  
Cllr Olivia Birch  
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P.  
Cllr Greg Brackenridge  
Cllr Ian Brookfield  
Cllr Paula Brookfield  
Cllr Chris Burden  
Cllr Craig Collingswood  
Cllr Lovinyer Daley  
Cllr Claire Darke  
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar

Cllr Steve Evans  
Cllr Val Evans  
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal  
Cllr Celia Hibbert  
Cllr Carol Hyatt  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal  
Cllr Jaspreet Jaspal  
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal  
Cllr Rashpal Kaur  
Cllr Rupinderjit Kaur  
Cllr Linda Leach  
Cllr Asha Mattu  
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN  
Cllr Louise Miles

Cllr Beverley Momenabadi  
Cllr Lynne Moran  
Cllr Anwen Muston  
Cllr Phil Page  
Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr Susan Roberts MBE  
Cllr Zee Russell  
Cllr Stephen Simkins  
Cllr Clare Simm  
Cllr Tersaim Singh  
Cllr Paul Sweet  
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman  
Cllr Gillian Wildman

## Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby  
Cllr Simon Bennett  
Cllr Adam Collinge  
Cllr Jonathan Crofts  
Cllr Wendy Dalton  
Cllr Christopher Haynes  
Cllr Stephanie Haynes  
Cllr Sohail Khan  
Cllr Andrew McNeil  
Cllr Andrew Randle  
Cllr Mak Singh  
Cllr Paul Singh  
Cllr Udey Singh  
Cllr Wendy Thompson  
Cllr Ellis Turrell  
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

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# Agenda

*Item No.*    *Title*

## **MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 1            **Apologies for absence**
- 2            **Declarations of interest**

## **DECISION ITEMS**

- 3            **Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman** (Pages 5 - 10)  
[To consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman]

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<b>Report title</b>	Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman	
<b>Referring body</b>	Governance and Ethics Committee – 7 July 2022	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield, Leader of the Council	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Accountable director</b>	David Pattison, Chief Operating Officer	
<b>Originating service</b>	Governance	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
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<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Governance and Ethics Committee	7 July 2022

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to:

1. Convene an extraordinary meeting on the 20 July 2022 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Keith Inston.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider whether to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Keith Inston who ceased to be a Member of the Council in May 2022.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 7 July 2022, Governance and Ethics Committee considered a report on Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).
- 2.3 Governance and Ethics Committee recommended to Council that it:
1. Convene an extraordinary meeting on the 20 July 2022 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Keith Inston.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 7 July 2022.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 7 July 2022.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 7 July 2022.

## **6.0 All other Implications**

- 6.1 All other implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 7 July 2022.

## **7.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 7.1 Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman, Governance and Ethics Committee, 7 July 2022.

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Governance and Ethics Committee is recommended to:

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## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider whether to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Keith Inston who ceased to be a Member of the Council in May 2022.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In July 1998 the Council agreed to establish a policy for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen, for which there is provision in the Local Government Act 1972 (Section 249). Subsequently, in September 1998, the then Policy and Resources Committee endorsed a procedure for reporting to Council on this matter and determined the eligibility criteria. The service criterion was reduced from 24 years to 20 years by resolution of full Council on 14 July 2010.
- 2.2 Mr Inston has a total of 24 years' distinguished service. During this time, he has not only served the residents of East Park Ward, but also held many important positions within the Council impacting on the lives of the citizens of our whole City. They are too numerous to mention, but in particular he Chaired Planning Committee and Audit Committee. He was Vice Chair of Licensing Committee, Pensions Committee and Investment Advisory Sub-Committee. He had also taken an active part on the other regulatory committees, scrutiny panels and reviews and advisory bodies he served on.
- 2.3 Mr Inston's service meets the criterion for eligibility for conferment agreed by the Council. Following consultation with the political groups on the Council it is proposed that the title of Honorary Alderman is bestowed on him.
- 2.4 Under the provisions of the Council's Constitution, the function of advising full Council on the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman rests with the Governance and Ethics Committee, and therefore, the Committee is asked to consider this proposal.
- 2.5 Honorary Aldermen are invited to attend full Council meetings in a non-participating capacity and are also invited to various functions such as Civic and Remembrance Sunday and other appropriate civic events. The names of Honorary Aldermen are inscribed on a roll of honour board on the ground floor of the Civic Centre.
- 2.6 The Local Government Act 1972 Act provides that an extraordinary Council meeting be convened for the purpose of conferring the title and the necessary resolution must be passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting. It is proposed that the extraordinary meeting be convened prior to the ordinary Council meeting on 20 July 2022

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 As was the case with previous Honorary Aldermen it is the intention to present the former Councillor with a badge of office. These will be drawn from an existing stock of badges purchased prior to this financial year. A small cost will be incurred in inscribing the name of the Honorary Alderman on the badge, and also on the roll of honour board, but this can easily be accommodated within existing Democratic Services budgets.

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#### **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables a local authority 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 of the Council but who are not then members of the Council”. [SZ/28062022/P]

#### **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

#### **6.0 All other Implications**

- 6.1 There are no other implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

#### **7.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 7.1 None.

#### **8.0 Apprentices**

- 8.1 None

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