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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, to be held on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 6.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Bill Gavan MBE, In the Chair

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

2 Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 Nomination to the office of Honorary Alderman 5 - 8

To consider a nomination to the office of honorary Alderman.

Dated: 11 March 2024



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Report to Council

19 March 2024

Subject:	Nomination to the office of Honorary Alderman
Director:	James McLaughlin, Assistant Chief Executive James_Mclaughlin@sandwell.gov.uk
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1 Recommendations


- 1.1 That the office of Honorary Alderman of the Borough be conferred upon Mr. Ahmadul Haque.
- 1.2 That the Assistant Director Legal and Assurance and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Mayor and Leader of the Council, be authorised to make the appropriate arrangements to implement the decision set out in (1) above.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The General Purposes and Arbitration Committee, at its meeting held on 4 March 2024, considered proposals to admit a suitable person as Honorary Alderman
- 2.2 Members of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee supported a proposal from Councillor Syeda Khatun that Mr Ahamdul Haque be nominated to the office of Honorary Alderman as set out in 4.1 of this report.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Nominations for Honorary Alderman/Alderwomen are an endorsement of the aspirations, talent and achievements of local people.</p>
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4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Former Councillor Ahmadul Haque served on Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council for 22 years as councillor for Tipton Green Ward.
- 4.2 Mr Ahmadul Haque had served on multiple Committees and Boards throughout the years including General Purposes and Arbitration Committee, Social Inclusion Scrutiny Board, Community and Culture Scrutiny Panel and Tipton Town Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee considered Mr Ahmadul Haque’s additional contributions to the Borough and noted Mr Haque’s term of service as Mayor in the 2017-2018 municipal year.

5 Implications

<p>Resources:</p>	<p>Local Authorities are empowered to incur reasonable expenditure on the provision of an address or casket on the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman.</p> <p>It is the practice of this Authority to present a Badge of Office and a commemorative scroll to the Aldermen/Alderwomen, the cost of which is met from the civic ceremonial budget.</p>
<p>Legal and Governance:</p>	<p>The authority to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwomen and the power to incur expenditure is contained within Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, as now amended by Section 29 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.</p>
<p>Risk:</p>	<p>There are no risks arising from this report.</p>
<p>Equality:</p>	<p>An equality impact assessment is not required.</p>



Health and Wellbeing:	There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.
Social Value:	There are no social value implications arising from this report.
Climate Change:	There are no climate change implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting:	There are no corporate parenting implications arising from this report.

6 Appendices

Not applicable

7. Background Papers

N/A



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