

Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman

The Local Government Act 1972 gave authority to the Council to confer the honour of Honorary Aldermen of the Borough on elected members who had given eminent service to the Borough.

An Honorary Alderman shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges:-

- i) To enjoy the courtesy title of "Honorary Alderman" and to be addressed as such.
- ii) To attend as an observer at meetings of the Council or any other meetings to which the press and public are admitted and to have a seat reserved for this purpose.
- iii) On request to receive a copy of the Council Summons and Agenda and a copy of the Council's Year Book.
- iv) To receive invitations to all civic events to which members of the Council are invited.
- v) To walk in civic processions in a position immediately senior to serving Members.
- vi) To wear the Badge of Office of Honorary Alderman on civic occasions.
- vii) On death, to have the Borough flag flown at the Sandwell Council House at half-mast.
- viii) To enjoy such other privileges as the Council may confer upon them from time to time.

In the event of an Honorary Alderman resuming membership of the Council, he or she shall cease to be entitled to be addressed as "Honorary Alderman" or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council as an Honorary Alderman.

It shall be competent for the Council in any particular case to withdraw the title of "Honorary Alderman" and the attached rights and privileges on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee. Such withdrawal of the title shall be by resolution of the Council, passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council, specially convened for the purpose by the Mayor. On the passing of such resolution, the Chief Executive shall delete the name of the person concerned from the Roll of Honorary Alderman and advise that person accordingly.

Nomination Criteria

The following will be taken into account when consideration is given to granting an individual Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman.

A person shall be deemed to be eligible for consideration to be nominated to the position of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman if he or she:-

- i) has rendered a minimum of **12** years service as a Member of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council;

and/or

- ii) has rendered eminent or notable service to the Borough of Sandwell by serving as a Chairperson of a major Council Committee or holding one or more senior positions on the Council or in any political group.

N.B. In the case of qualification (i) previous service before 1st April 1974 with a constituent authority will be taken into account.

Nomination Form

I, Councillor BILL GAVAN wish to nominate the following person to be considered for the status of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman of the Borough for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council.

Nominee R. H. D. Mohinder Singh TAGEER

I am aware that the following criteria is applied to the achievements of the nominee.

The Nominee has:-

[Please delete as appropriate]


- i) has rendered a minimum of **12** years service as a Member of the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council;

and/or

- ii) has rendered eminent or notable service to the Borough of Sandwell by serving as a Chairperson of a major Council Committee or holding one or more senior positions on the Council or in any political group.

I believe the nominee has met the criteria in the following way(s):-

Dedicated Civic & Community Worker.

Signed: 

Dated: 31st Jan 2023

Nomination supported by: 

Date: 31st Jan 2023

Please return this form to the Chief Executive