

Report to Council

12 April 2022

Subject:	Honorary Alderwomen of the Borough
Director:	Director - Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer – Surjit Tour
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1 Recommendations


- (1) that the office of Honorary Alderwomen of the Borough be conferred upon Mrs Linda Horton;
- (2) that the Director – Law and Governance 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 31 March 2022, considered proposals to admit suitable person as Honorary Alderwomen.
- 2.2 Members of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee supported a proposal from Councillor Dhallu that Mrs Linda Horton be nominated to the office of Honorary Alderwomen 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 Mrs Horton had represented the Borough of Sandwell for 27 years. In addition, she had been a Cabinet Member for Leisure Services and had served as Mayor of Sandwell for the Municipal Year 2013 – 2014.
- 4.2 The Committee considered her additional contributions to the Borough of Sandwell through her various charitable, community and voluntary activities and concluded that her many contributions fulfilled the eminent service criteria associated with the honour.

5 Implications

Resources:	<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, the cost of which is met from the civic ceremonial budget.</p>
Legal and Governance:	<p>The authority to confer the title of Honorary Alderman 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>
Risk:	<p>There are no risks arising from this report.</p>
Equality:	<p>An equality impact assessment is not required.</p>
Health and Wellbeing:	<p>There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.</p>
Social Value	<p>There are no social value implications arising from this report.</p>



6 Appendices

Not applicable

7. Background Papers

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee held on 31 March 2022 (Minute No. 28.21 refers).

