

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

To: **County Council**

Date: **12th May 2015**

From: **Chief Executive**

Purpose: **To consider a nomination for the post of Honorary Alderman.**

Recommendation: **The Council is asked to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the late County Councillor John Reynolds.**

Note: in order to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on an individual, not less than two thirds of the voting Members present at the meeting of the Council will need to vote in favour of the nomination.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A County, District or unitary Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the voting Members present at a meeting of the Council, confer the title of Honorary Alderman on an individual who, in the opinion of the Council has rendered eminent service to the Council as a former Councillor.
- 1.2 At the meeting on 15th July 1997 the Council resolved to create the post of Honorary Alderman of Cambridgeshire County Council. It was agreed that former County Councillors who had served as members of the Council for a period of at least twenty years would be eligible for consideration as potential Honorary Alderman.
- 1.3 The title Honorary Alderman does not confer any special powers on the person, but is intended to acknowledge the services of past Members of the Council. An Honorary Alderman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. They do not have an automatic right to attend meetings of the Council or a Committee of the Council, or to receive any allowances under the Members' Allowances Scheme.
- 1.4 Legislation envisages that a person recommended for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman will be alive at the time the honour is bestowed.

2. NOMINATIONS

- 2.1 Group Leaders have agreed to recommend that the Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the late Councillor John Reynolds, who was elected as a County Councillor in 1981. In making this recommendation, it is acknowledged that it is not the usual practice to award this honour posthumously. However Group Leaders are of the view that it is an appropriate way of marking Councillor Reynolds's significant and exemplary contribution to local government over many years. There is a precedent for posthumous nomination as demonstrated by the award to the late John Eddy in October 2006 and Terry Bear in May 2013.

Source Documents	Location
County Council reports and minutes 15th July 1997	Room 117 Shire Hall, Cambridge