

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN**

*To:* **County Council**

*Date:* **21st May 2013**

*From:* **Chief Executive**

*Electoral division(s):* **N/A**

*Forward Plan ref:* **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

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

*Recommendation:* **The Council is asked to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the following former County Councillors:**

- **the late Terry Bear**
- **Geoffrey Heathcock**
- **Shona Johnstone**
- **John Powley**
- **Jill Tuck**

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.

## 2. NOMINATIONS

- 2.1 Having reviewed the service of former County Councillors following the recent election, Group Leaders have nominated the following individuals to be considered for the post of Honorary Alderman:
- the late Terry Bear
  - Geoffrey Heathcock
  - Shona Johnstone
  - John Powley
  - Jill Tuck
- 2.2 In nominating the above individuals, Group Leaders have revisited the case of former Councillor Terry Bear who was first elected to the Council in 1985 to represent the Linton Division on behalf of the Liberal Democrats. Sadly he died in hospital on 12 April 2005 just a few weeks short of serving for 20 years. There is a precedent for posthumous nomination as demonstrated by the award to the late John Eddy in October 2006.

Source Documents	Location
County Council reports and minutes 15th July 1997	Room 114 Shire Hall, Cambridge