

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**  
**EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**15 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**REPORT OF:** Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services  
**TITLE:** APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN  
**WARD:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION**

- That Full Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former councillor Jay Jethwa.

**Summary**

This report explains the policy for conferring the title of Honorary Alderman, describes the role and function of persons who hold that office and presents details of the offices held / service by the above named.

**The significant issues in the report are:**

- Paragraphs 1-6 - Criteria and background of the process.
- Paragraph 7 - Proposal and details of offices held by the nominees.

**Policy**

The proposal accords with the Council's policy on conferring the office of Honorary Alderman on former Council members.

**Consultation**

Party Group Leaders and Whips.  
Audit Committee.

## Context

1. Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council, by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on a person who has, in the Council's opinion, rendered eminent services to the Council as a past member.
2. Council has agreed that the Audit Committee, in its role of monitoring and ensuring ethical standards and probity within Bristol City Council, should ensure all Honorary Aldermen nominations meet the criteria as set out below before they are forwarded to the Council for approval:

A minimum period of ten years service or having served in a position of significant public responsibility on behalf of the Council or for a Bristol ward on the former Avon County Council.

3. An Honorary Alderman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. Aldermen are not entitled to receive any members' allowances or other payments of allowances, expenses etc. Whilst a person who is a serving City Councillor cannot be made an Honorary Alderman, the Act does appear to envisage that a person on whom this honour has been conferred may subsequently be re-elected as a Councillor. In these circumstances, the Act specially provides that no Honorary Alderman shall, whilst serving as a City Councillor, be entitled to be addressed as Alderman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council as an Alderman.
4. Honorary Aldermen substitute for the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor on a relatively infrequent basis. They are also invited to all major civic events, church services and Council meetings. They have no other formal role.
5. Council has agreed that the Honorary Aldermen's Association should be supported, but that no support should be provided for individual Honorary Aldermen.
6. The Audit Committee at its meeting on 24 April 2015 recommended to Full Council that former councillor Jay Jethwa be made an Honorary Alderman of the City and County of Bristol.

## **Proposal**

7. The Audit Committee requests Council to consider the Honorary Alderman nomination of Jay Jethwa as follows (details of service are set out below):

Jay Jethwa was first elected as a Conservative councillor for Stockwood ward in May 2007. She stood down as a councillor in May 2015.

Details of Jay Jethwa's service are as follows:

Served on various committees, commissions and working groups, including:

- Licensing Committee and Public Safety and Protection Committee from 2007 – 2015, including 2 years as Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee.
- 3 years' service on Development Control committees.
- 3 years' service on Children & Young People / People Scrutiny Commission.
- Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee.
- Legacy Commission.
- Post office working group
- Governing body of Waycroft primary school, Burnbush primary school, and Lansdown pupil referral unit.
- Served as a member of the Stockwood and Hengrove neighbourhood partnership and neighbourhood committee.

## **Other Options Considered**

Not applicable.

## **Risk Assessment**

Not applicable.

**Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

**Legal and Resource Implications**

<b>Legal</b>	As set out in the report.
<b>Financial</b>	As set out in the report.
<b>Revenue</b>	None.
<b>Capital</b>	None.
<b>Land</b>	None.
<b>Personnel</b>	None.

**Appendices:** None.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**Background Papers:**

None.