

Extraordinary Full Council

11 December 2018



Report of: Tim O’Gara, Service Director – Legal and Democratic Services

Title: **Appointment of Honorary Aldermen**

Ward: Non-applicable

Recommendation

That Full Council considers the recommendations of the Audit Committee and the Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) and confers the title of Honorary Alderman of the City and County of Bristol upon former councillor Christopher Orlick and the late Ron Stone, and confers the title of Honorary Alderwoman of the City and County of Bristol upon former councillor Clare Campion Smith.

The significant issues in the report are:

As set out in the report.



Policy and context

- 1.** Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Full Council, by a 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/woman on a person who has, in the Council's opinion, rendered eminent services to the Council as a past member.
- 2.** The Full Council has agreed that the Values and Ethics Sub Committee of the Audit Committee, in its role of monitoring and ensuring ethical standards and probity within the Council, should initially consider Aldermen/women nominations, and make recommendations to Full Council on their appointment, using criteria as approved by Full Council.
- 3.** An Honorary Alderman/woman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. Aldermen/women are not entitled to receive any member allowances or other payments of allowances, expenses etc.
- 4.** Honorary aldermen/women may substitute for the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor on a relatively infrequent basis. They are also invited to civic events. They have no other formal role. Honorary aldermen/women may, from time to time, be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on specific outside bodies.

Proposal

- 5.** The Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) and the Audit Committee have agreed to recommend that Full Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former councillors Christopher Orlick and the late Ron Stone, and the title of Honorary Alderwoman upon former councillor Clare Campion Smith.
- 6.** Statements/details of the service of the above former councillors, as originally supplied by the political groups when nominations were submitted, and as considered by the Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) and the Audit Committee are set out in the appendix.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

As set out in the report.

(Legal advice provided by Tim O'Gara, Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services)

Financial / Land / Human Resources

Not applicable.

Appendix A: Statements/ details in support of the Honorary Aldermen/women nominations, as supplied by the respective political groups, and as considered by the Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) and the Audit Committee.

Appendix A - Statements/ details of service regarding the Honorary Aldermen/women nominations, as supplied by the political groups and as considered by the Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) and the Audit Committee:

1. Alderman Nomination: Clare Campion-Smith

October 2018

Elected in 2006, served 12 years as Councillor for Henleaze and later Westbury on Trym & Henleaze.

Clare has had a distinguished career on the council, serving in two administrations' cabinets and serving a term as Lord Mayor.

In her time as councillor, Clare has made an active difference to the lives of her constituents, her accomplishments including her time as Cabinet member for Children's Services where, with great effect, she solved the acute shortage of primary school places in Bristol.

Clare was fully behind the second and successful bid to become European Green Capital and felt doubly delighted when her year as Lord Mayor covered half of Green Capital year.

At the local level, it gave Clare great pleasure to see the changes to Old Quarry Park and see Falldon Way Playpark full of children and know that we achieved that working with the Henleaze Society.

In her time as councillor, Clare was the cabinet member for Children's Services – having been a mathematics teacher before – and became instrumental in creating 10,000 new primary school places in the city.

Lord Mayor of Bristol

2015 – 2016

- As Lord Mayor Clare's project was to raise the aspirations of primary school girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Cabinet/ Chair/ Vice Chair, Committees:

2009-2010:

- Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
- Corporate Parenting Panel

2010-2011:

- Executive Member of Corporate Parenting Panel
- Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

2011-2012:

- Executive Member of Corporate Parenting Panel
- Cabinet for Children and Young People

2012-2013:

- Chair of Children's Services Scrutiny Commission
- Corporate Parenting Panel

2013-2014:

- Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Commission
- Development Control (S & E) Committee
- Corporate Safety Consultative Committee

2014-2015:

- Business Change & Resources Scrutiny Committee
- People Scrutiny Committee

2016-2017:

- Cabinet Member for People
- Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee
- Corporate Parenting Panel

2017-2018:

- Vice Chair People Scrutiny Commission. In this role she chaired the task and finish working group on Adult Social Care.

Over the years she has served on other committees and working groups including Licensing and on outside bodies including SACRE.

2. Alderman Nomination – Christopher Orlick

Christopher Orlick was Councillor for Windmill Hill from 1995 to 2006.

During the early part of his term of office, Christopher was on Planning, Social Services and Leisure committees.

When the council moved to a Cabinet system, he was Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Services.

Christopher was Vice-Chair of Social Services and Health and Chair of Residential Care Sub-Committee.

From 1997 to 2006 Christopher was Chair of Public Rights of Way and Village Greens Committees.

Christopher was responsible for the Blue Plaque scheme which occurred after Full Council accepted the suggestion. He then worked with Civic Society and Planning to get people nominated for plaques. He carried out the wording and arranged all the opening ceremonies.

3. Alderman Nomination – Ron Stone

Councillor Ron Stone, who sadly died on 30th December 2015, was a Labour Councillor on both Bristol City Council and Avon County Council. He was first elected to serve St George West in 1985 (Avon County Council) and was then re-elected in 1989 and 1993. In 1995 he won the ward, then part of Bristol City Council, again and continuously served the St George community for over thirty years.

During his time on Bristol City Council, Ron held a number of roles including: Chair of Licensing, Chair of the Neighbourhood Committee, Acting Leader and Deputy Leader of the Bristol Labour Group, and Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing. He was a member of many outside bodies including Bristol in Bloom, University of Bristol Court, Avon Fire Authority, Downs Committee, and Forest of Avon.

From the park he loved to the Meadow Vale community centre, for which he helped secure vital investment, Ron was a true champion for St George. From fighting for a new pool after Speedwell was closed, to moving the crucial motion to designate Bristol as a City of Sanctuary, Ron was a true champion for all Bristolians. His dedication has left a lasting legacy.

As a man of great integrity, Ron will be remembered as a steadfast campaigner dedicated to furthering social justice and equality in Bristol and beyond. Bristol is a better city because of Ron Stone's unwavering public service. Therefore, the title of Honorary Alderman is richly deserved.