

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION of former Bristol City Councillor Ashley Peter Fox to be made an HONORARY ALDERMAN

It is with great pleasure that we put forward the name of our greatly respected colleague Ashley Fox to receive this important honorary title. It should be made in recognition of the service he has given both locally and internationally (through the European Parliament) to the people of our city.

Ashley has a long relationship with Bristol, having studied law here at the former polytechnic and, following articles, working in the city as a solicitor throughout his eight years on Council. He was prominent within the Conservative Party as Bristol West Constituency Chairman from 1998-2000 and stood in the General Election as a Parliamentary Candidate (in neighbouring Bath) in 2001.

In 2002, Ashley was first elected to represent Westbury-on-Trym. He successfully held this seat in the local elections held in 2006. During his eight years on Bristol City Council, Ashley sat on the following main Scrutiny Commissions and Regulatory Committees (including positions as Chairman where indicated):-

Neighbourhood and Housing Services Scrutiny Commission 2002/03

Neighbourhood and Housing Services Scrutiny Commission 2003/04

Environment, Transport & Leisure Scrutiny Commission 2004/05 (Vice-Chair)

Development Control (Central) Committee 2005/06 (Chairman)

Development Control (Central) Committee 2006/07 (Chairman)

Children's Services Scrutiny Commission 2007/08 (Chairman)

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 2008/09 (Chairman)

Ashley is still remembered for his business-like and effective chairing of meetings. He is respected by many from across the political divide for his intelligence and insightful contributions to debate in Full Council and in relation to those matters for which he was given special responsibility.

Ashley took his considerable talents onto a wider (European) stage in 2009, when elected as one of the South West Region's MEPs. He was re-elected to the European Parliament in 2014 and has held several important positions within this forum. Since that time, he remained living and based in Bristol and served as a MEP until 2019. In 2020 Ashley was appointed as chair of the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements.

Ashley clearly qualifies for recognition under the criteria governing the appointment of Aldermen.

- i. *'He is no longer a serving councillor with Bristol City Council' and*
- ii. *'has provided eminent service to the council throughout a long and distinguished public service' evidenced by*

(a) serving for a minimum period of two electoral terms' and

(b) having held a significant position of public responsibility for a minimum period of one calendar year or one municipal year in a position attracting the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance.'

We are confident Ashley will bring a new energy and rigour to the Aldermanic ranks and will be a positive asset to our city. I commend his nomination for this civic and ceremonial honour.

COUNCILLOR JOHN GOULANDRIS, Conservative Chief Whip - 4th August 2021