

# Extraordinary Full Council

12<sup>th</sup> October 2021



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

**Title:** **Appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen**

**Ward:** Non-applicable

## Recommendation

That Full Council considers the recommendations of the Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) and confers the title of Honorary Alderman and Honorary Alderwoman of the City and County of Bristol upon the former Councillors as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.



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## 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 and Alderwoman 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 and Alderwomen nominations, and make recommendations to Full Council on their appointment, using criteria as approved by Full Council.
3. An Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. Aldermen/Alderwomen are not entitled to receive any member allowances or other payments of allowances, expenses etc.
4. Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen 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/Alderwomen 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) at its meeting held on Monday 27 September have agreed to recommend that Full Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman upon former Councillors:
  - Mark Brain
  - Barry Clark
  - Margaret Hickman
  - Jeff Lovell
  - Olly Mead
  - Mhairi Threlfall
  - Estella Tincknell
  - Charlie Bolton
  - Stephen Clarke
  - Ashley Fox
  - Claire Hiscott
  - Sultan Khan
  - Anthony Negus
6. Statements detailing the service of the former councillors, as originally supplied by the political group when the nomination was submitted, and as considered by the Values and Ethics Sub Committee (of the Audit Committee) are set out in the appendix.

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## **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 in support of the Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen nominations.