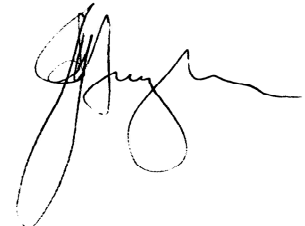


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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary meeting of East Hertfordshire District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Wallfields, Hertford on Wednesday 28th September, 2011 at 7.00 pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Dated this 19th day of September 2011.



Jeff Hughes
Head of Democratic and
Legal Support Services

Note: The meeting will commence with prayers. Those Members who do not wish to participate will be invited to enter the Chamber at their conclusion.

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

2. Honorary Aldermen (Pages 5 - 8).

To receive a report of the Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services.

PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

1. A Member with a personal interest in any business of the Council who attends a meeting of the Authority at which the business is considered must, with certain specified exemptions (see section 5 below), disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest prior to the commencement of it being considered or when the interest becomes apparent.
2. Members should decide whether or not they have a personal interest in any matter under discussion at a meeting. If a Member decides they have a personal interest then they must also consider whether that personal interest is also prejudicial.
3. A personal interest is either an interest, as prescribed, that you must register under relevant regulations or it is an interest that is not registrable but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of the Council more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward(s) affected by the decision.
4. Members with personal interests, having declared the nature of that personal interest, can remain in the meeting, speak and vote on the matter unless the personal interest is also a prejudicial interest.
5. An exemption to declaring a personal interest applies when the interest arises solely from a Member's membership of or position of general control or management on:
 - any other body to which they have been appointed or nominated by the authority
 - any other body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority)

In these exceptional cases, provided a Member does not have a prejudicial interest, they only need to declare their interest if they speak. If a Member does not want to speak to the meeting, they may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

6. A personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if all of the following conditions are met:
 - the matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decisions
 - the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter
 - a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

7. Exempt categories of decisions are:
- setting council tax
 - any ceremonial honour given to Members
 - an allowance, payment or indemnity for Members
 - statutory sick pay
 - school meals or school transport and travelling expenses: if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full-time education or you are a parent governor, unless it relates particularly to the school your child attends
 - housing; if you hold a tenancy or lease with the Council, as long as the matter does not relate to your particular tenancy or lease.
8. If you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting, you must declare that interest and its nature as soon as the interest becomes apparent to you.
9. If you have declared a personal and prejudicial interest, you must leave the room, unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise. If that is the case, you can also attend the meeting for that purpose. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished or when the meeting decides that you have finished (if that is earlier). You cannot remain in the public gallery to observe proceedings.
10. Members intending to make a declaration of interest, are invited to complete the form below and to hand this to Jeff Hughes or Martin Ibrahim, prior to the meeting. This will assist in recording all declarations. Members are still required to make a verbal declaration at agenda item 1.

Member:			
Minute or item number	Subject	Personal or Personal and Prejudicial	Nature

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EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL – 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

2. REPORT BY HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

HONORARY ALDERMEN

WARD(S) AFFECTED: None.

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To award of the title of Honorary Alderman.

<u>'D' RECOMMENDATION:</u> that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on the following former members of East Hertfordshire District Council:

K Barnes, R Copping, A Dodd, M Goldspink, R Gilbert and R Parker.

1.0 Background

1.1 Under the provisions of section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Council may confer the title of Honorary Alderman on any person who, in the opinion of the Council, has rendered eminent services to the Authority as a past Member. The award is subject to a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members present at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

2.0 Report

2.1 Council, at its meeting in February 2007 agreed the following procedure in relation to this matter:

- (A) an offer of appointment to Honorary Alderman only be considered in respect of former Members who have served a minimum of five full terms of office;
- (B) former Members who qualify under paragraph (A) above be informally asked within four weeks of the date of their retirement from the Council (or as soon as practicable

following the introduction of this process) whether or not they wish to be considered for this award;

- (C) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to determine whether a person under consideration for this award has rendered eminent services to the Council when they were a Member;
- (D) an extraordinary Council meeting be convened on a date to be determined between the Chairman of the Council and the person(s) being awarded the title of Honorary Alderman to consider a motion under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

3.0 The role of Honorary Alderman

3.1 A formal presentation of a certificate of title and a badge of office will be made to the person(s) receiving the award at the extraordinary meeting. In addition, Honorary Aldermen:

- (A) will be encouraged to attend all Civic Ceremonial events when invited;
- (B) with the Chairman's permission, may assist in hosting receptions/functions;
- (C) will be encouraged to support the work of the Chairman's Charity, and
- (D) will promote civic pride in the District of East Hertfordshire and its Council.

4.0 Implications/Consultations

4.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 Based on the approved process, former Councillors K Barnes, R Copping, A Dodd, M Goldspink, R Gilbert and R Parker, are recommended to receive the award.

Background Papers

None.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i>
Consultation:	None
Legal:	None
Financial:	None
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	None