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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of East Hertfordshire District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Wallfields, Hertford on Wednesday 15th May, 2024 at 6.30 pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Date this 8 day of May 2024

James Ellis
Head of Legal and
Democratic Services

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AGENDA

1. Honorary Alderman (Pages 4 - 6)

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Agenda Item 1

East Herts Council Report

Extraordinary Council

Date of Meeting	15 May 2024
Report by	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Report title	Honorary Alderman
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL

(A) That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Mark Pope, Peter Ruffles and Suzanne Rutland-Barsby, all former members of East Hertfordshire District Council.

1.0 Proposal(s)

1.1 To award of the title of Honorary Alderman.

2.0 Background

2.1 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 not less than two thirds of the Members present at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.

3.0 Procedure

3.1 Council, at its meeting on 1 March 2023, agreed the procedure in relation to this matter, which is available on the East Herts Council website.

4.0 The role of Honorary Alderman

- 4.1 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

5.0 Reason(s)

- 5.1 The nomination for Honorary Alderman was received by the Leader of the Council and it was agreed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive that the nominee met the criteria to be awarded the title.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

- 6.1 As is required under the East Herts Council adopted procedure, the Chief Executive and the Chairman have been consulted ahead of this report.
- 6.2 Ex-Councillors Mark Pope, Peter Ruffles and Suzanne Rutland-Barsby have also been consulted ahead of the report going forward.

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

The legislation requires that the awarding of the title of Honorary Alderman is carried out at a special meeting of the Council, and is therefore why an Extraordinary Council has been called for this purpose.

Specific Wards

No

Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

None.

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