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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SUMMONS TO A MEETING

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Peterborough City Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Peterborough on

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017 at 6.30 pm

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To determine whether to grant honorary freedom of the City to St John Ambulance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gillian Beasley'.

Chief Executive

5 December 2017
Town Hall
Bridge Street
Peterborough

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SPECIAL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 3
13 DECEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

HONORARY ALDERMAN AWARD

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Councillor Peter Hiller, Chairman of the Honours Panel</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awards the status of Honorary Alderman to the former Member of Council David Sanders. 2. Awards badge of office to the former Member awarded the status of Honorary Alderman at a formal ceremony on a date to be agreed. 	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend to Council that the status of Honorary Alderman be awarded to the former councillor listed in the recommendation above.

2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, empowers the Council, by 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 on a person who has, in the Council's opinion, rendered eminent services to the Council as a past member.
- 2.2 This recommendation is made by the Interim Director of Law and Governance based on recommendations determined by the Honours Panel. The Honours Panel is chaired by the Councillor Hiller. This is an informal group, and although its decisions have no formal status, it has agreed that these recommendations should be put forward taking into account the following criteria:
 - 2.2.1 A former councillor who has been re-elected for at least 3 terms and has served a minimum of 11 years service;
 - 2.2.2 Who has rendered eminent services to the council as a past member, taking into account membership of committees and external organisations, whether or not the former councillor served as Mayor, and whether he or she achieved anything worthy of particular note.
- 2.3 Council have previously resolved that the above criteria be accepted, and that councillors who served before the Council became a unitary authority should be included.
- 2.4 The Honours Panel considered that the former councillor listed in the recommendation met these criteria, and therefore recommend to Council that they should be awarded the status of Honorary Alderman. The recommendations are made on the following basis:
 - 2.4.1 **David Sanders** served as a councillor for 20 years from 1997 to 2017. During this time, Mr Sanders served as a local councillor for Eye, Thorney and Newborough, a Cabinet member for Adult Services and Contract Services, a member for the Scrutiny Committee for Rural Committees, and more recently Mayor of Peterborough.

2.5 Honorary Aldermen may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. They have no other formal role. Honorary Aldermen are not entitled to receive any members' allowances or other payments of allowances, expenses, etc.

2.6 Whilst a person who is a serving councillor cannot be made an Honorary Alderman, a person awarded this status may subsequently be re-elected as a councillor, but shall not then be addressed as Alderman or entitled to take part in any civic ceremonies as an Alderman.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of the report. There will be modest financial implications, which will be met from within the existing civic budget, for the provision of a suitable badge of office, and the cost of a ceremony.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

4.1 None.

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2017

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following notice of motion has been received, in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Motion from Councillor Peter Hiller

Seconded by Councillor Mohammed Jamil

“Council resolves:

THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **The St John Ambulance**.

The St John Ambulance was formed in 1887, as a voluntary organisation, offering free medical care. Queen Victoria’s Jubilee saw the Brigade in action in public for the first time.

From that time, some 130 years ago, they have become the nation’s leading first aid charity, providing first aid in the communities, keeping people safe at events and working alongside the NHS in response to 999 calls. They also provide an invaluable training service, with over 400,000 people each year learning how to save a life through their training programmes.

The first record of St John Ambulance activity in Peterborough is dated October 1904 where they operated from a Wooden Hut based at the Barracks in New England and then moving to their current base in Cowgate in 1969.

They are ever present at myriad national public, and large local events such as the Great Eastern Run, football matches and at the East of England Showground, thereby giving thousands of hours each year to the Peterborough community.

They continually increase their training offering, and in 2016, the Peterborough branch delivered training in a wide range of topics to over 1440 people from industry and the local community.

In recent times, the Peterborough branch have also diversified into the care field, providing services to the homeless at St Theresa’s in Peterborough, as well as the homeless hostel in Cambridge.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary freedom of the city upon **St John Ambulance**, of Peterborough.”

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