

<b>EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 3</b>
<b>16 OCTOBER 2024</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

Report of:	Neil McArthur, Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	
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**HONORARY ALDERMAN AWARD**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> Constitution and Ethics Committee	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awards the status of Honorary Alderman to the following former members of Council: - Graham Casey, Stephen Lane, Gul Nawaz, David Over and Nick Sandford.</li> <li>2. Awards badges of office to any former councillor awarded the status of Honorary Alderman at a formal ceremony on a date to be agreed.</li> </ol>	

**1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 To recommend to Council that the status of Honorary Alderman be awarded to the former councillors listed in the recommendations 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 Director of Legal and Governance based on recommendations determined by the Constitution and Ethics Committee.

2.3 The recommendations were discussed at the Constitution and Ethics Committee on 30 September 2024, and it was agreed unanimously to put forward Graham Casey, Stephen Lane, Gul Nawaz, David Over and Nick Sandford taking into account the following criteria: -

2.3.1 A former councillor who has been re-elected for at least 3 terms and has served a minimum of 11 years continuous service;

- 2.3.2 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 councillors served as Mayor, and whether they achieved anything worthy of particular note.
- 2.4 Council have previously resolved that the above criteria be accepted, and that councillors who served before the Council became a unitary should be included.
- 2.5 The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered that the former councillors 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: -
- 2.5.1 Graham Casey served as a councillor for the Orton Longueville ward from 2011 to 2024. During his term of office, he served on the Cabinet as an Advisory Member and on Planning & Environmental and Corporate Parenting Committees together with several Scrutiny Committees. He also chaired the All-Party Policy Meetings.
- 2.5.2 Stephen Lane served as a councillor for the Werrington ward from 2004 to 2024. During his term of office, he served on Audit, Licensing and Planning Review together with several Scrutiny Committees. He also served as Mayor of the City of Peterborough 2021-22.
- 2.5.3 Gul Nawaz served as a councillor for the Ravensthorpe ward from 2002 to 2024. During his term of office, he served on the Cabinet as an Advisory Member and served on both Licensing and Corporate Parenting Committees together with Health Scrutiny. He also served as Mayor of the City of Peterborough 2019-21.
- 2.5.4 David Over served as councillor for the Barnack ward from 1996 to 2024. During his term of office, he served on the Cabinet as an Advisory Member, was a member of the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel and served on Audit and Corporate Parenting Committee together with several Scrutiny Committees. He also served as Deputy Mayor 2004-05 and the Mayor of the City of Peterborough 2014-15.
- 2.5.5 Nick Sandford served as a councillor for the Paston & Walton ward from 1996 to 2024. During his term of office, he served on Audit, Constitution & Ethics, Employment, Licensing and Planning Review and several Scrutiny Committees. He also served as Deputy Mayor 2022-23 and the Mayor of the City of the Peterborough 2023-24.
- 2.6 Honorary Alderman 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 Alderman is not entitled to receive any members' allowances or other payments of allowances, expenses, etc.
- 2.7 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. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 This report is linked to the Sustainable Future City Council for the former councillor's eminent service to the council and their constituents.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The Constitution and Ethics Committee and Group Leaders have been consulted.

### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 5.1 If agreed, there will be some financial costs for the badges, citation and a small ceremony. These will be met from the existing civic budget.

### **Legal Implications**

- 5.2 The legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

### **Equalities Implications**

- 5.3 None.

## **6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

- 6.1 None.

## **7. APPENDICES**

- 7.1 None.

