

COUNCIL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA to be held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Swansea on Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 3.30 pm.

The following business is proposed to be transacted:

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. 1 - 2
3. Conferring Title of Honorary Alderman Pursuant to Section 249 Local Government Act 1972 - Councillor W John F Davies. 3 - 7



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Wednesday, 17 June, 2015

To: All Members of the Council

Disclosures of Interest

To receive Disclosures of Interest from Councillors and Officers

Councillors

Councillors Interests are made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea. You must disclose orally to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest.

NOTE: You are requested to identify the Agenda Item / Minute No. / Planning Application No. and Subject Matter to which that interest relates and to enter all declared interests on the sheet provided for that purpose at the meeting.

1. If you have a **Personal Interest** as set out in **Paragraph 10** of the Code, you **MAY STAY, SPEAK AND VOTE** unless it is also a Prejudicial Interest.
2. If you have a Personal Interest which is also a **Prejudicial Interest** as set out in **Paragraph 12** of the Code, then subject to point 3 below, you **MUST WITHDRAW** from the meeting (unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Standards Committee)
3. Where you have a Prejudicial Interest you may attend the meeting but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, **provided** that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise. In such a case, you **must withdraw from the meeting immediately after the period for making representations, answering questions, or giving evidence relating to the business has ended**, and in any event before further consideration of the business begins, whether or not the public are allowed to remain in attendance for such consideration (**Paragraph 14** of the Code).
4. Where you have agreement from the Monitoring Officer that the information relating to your Personal Interest is **sensitive information**, as set out in **Paragraph 16** of the Code of Conduct, your obligation to disclose such information is replaced with an obligation to disclose the existence of a personal interest and to confirm that the Monitoring Officer has agreed that the nature of such personal interest is sensitive information.
5. If you are relying on a **grant of a dispensation** by the Standards Committee, you must, before the matter is under consideration:
 - i) Disclose orally both the interest concerned and the existence of the dispensation; and
 - ii) Before or immediately after the close of the meeting give written notification to the Authority containing:

- a) Details of the prejudicial interest;
- b) Details of the business to which the prejudicial interest relates;
- c) Details of, and the date on which, the dispensation was granted; and
- d) Your signature

Officers

Financial Interests

1. If an Officer has a financial interest in any matter which arises for decision at any meeting to which the Officer is reporting or at which the Officer is in attendance involving any member of the Council and /or any third party the Officer shall declare an interest in that matter and take no part in the consideration or determination of the matter and shall withdraw from the meeting while that matter is considered. Any such declaration made in a meeting of a constitutional body shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. No Officer shall make a report to a meeting for a decision to be made on any matter in which s/he has a financial interest.
2. A "financial interest" is defined as any interest affecting the financial position of the Officer, either to his/her benefit or to his/her detriment. It also includes an interest on the same basis for any member of the Officers family or a close friend and any company firm or business from which an Officer or a member of his/her family receives any remuneration. There is no financial interest for an Officer where a decision on a report affects all of the Officers of the Council or all of the officers in a Department or Service.

Agenda Item 3.

Joint Report of the Presiding Member, Monitoring Officer and Head of Democratic Services

Council – 25 June 2015

CONFERRING TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN PURSUENT TO SECTION 249 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Purpose:	To agree in principal to confer the title of “Honorary Alderman” on former Councillor W John F Davies.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To comply with the Criteria for the conferring the title of “Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman” (Minute 105 of Council on 18 October 2012).
Consultation:	Political Group Leaders, Finance and Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillor W John F Davies in recognition of his eminent service rendered to the City and County of Swansea and its predecessor Authority’s.
Report Author:	Huw Evans
Finance Officer:	Carl Billingsley
Legal Officer:	Tracey Meredith
Access to Services Officer:	Sherrill Hopkins

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that “A Principal Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object, confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons, who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of that Council, but who are not then Members of the Council.
- 1.2 Council at its meeting on 18 October 2012 (Minute 105 refers) adopted an amended Criteria for the conferring the title of “Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman”.

- 1.3 The criteria for the conferring the title of “Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman is outlined below:

“Council shall grant an Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman Status to:

- a) *Those former Councillors who have served within the boundaries of the City and County of Swansea providing that they:
 - i) *Do not intend returning or have failed to be re-elected as Councillors within the City and County of Swansea **and that;***
 - ii) *They have held the position of Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea or Lord Mayor / Mayor / Chair of the Council or any of the predecessor Authorities of the City and County of Swansea.**
- b) *Any individual that the Council deems appropriate.”*

- 1.4 The Certificate presented to each Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman is produced bilingually. One side is Welsh and the other side is English. An example is outlined as **Appendix A**.

2. Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman

- 2.1 The title is derived from the Old English title of “Ealdorman”, literally meaning “Elder Man”, and was used by the Chief Nobles presiding over Shires. The position of Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman is non political.
- 2.2 The title is used within the City and County of Swansea as a reward for individuals who have given long and eminent services to the Council providing the criteria has been met.
- 2.3 Honorary Aldermen / Honorary Alderwomen are often invited to attend Civic Ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide, but shall not, as such, have the right to influence meetings of the Council or a Committee of the Council or to receive any allowance or other payment under the Councillors Allowances Scheme.
- 2.4 They are invited to Civic events and other events where the Honorary Aldermen’s / Honorary Alderwomen’s personal knowledge and interests would add value to the occasion. Examples of such events could include the Inauguration of the Lord Mayor, Civic Service, Christmas Carol Service, Celebratory and Commemorative Events, Regimental Events and Parades, Remembrance Day Service and Parade, Royal Visits, Lord Mayor’s Appeal Events and Freedom Ceremonies.

3. **Eminent Service of Former Councillor W John F Davies**

3.1 Following a period of ill health, former Councillor W John F Davies resigned as a Councillor on 20 March 2015.

3.2 He served the Murrleston community and was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea for the 2000-2001 Municipal Year.

3.3 His periods of service are shown below.

Authority	From	To
Swansea City Council	05.05.1983	31.03.1996
City and County of Swansea	04.05.1995	20.03.2015

3.4 These periods amount to a collective total of nearly 32 years service representing the area where he served.

4. **Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no direct costs with conferring such titles other than ceremonial costs which will need to be contained within existing budgets.

5. **Legal Implications**

5.1 The proposals are in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A	Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman Certificate
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Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman Certificate



*RESOLVED that the Council of
the City and County of Swansea
confer the title of*

Honorary Alderman

on

John Davies

*a past member of the Council of the
City and County of Swansea for eminent services
rendered to the Council.*

Dated: 25 June 2015

*Jack Straw
Chief Executive*



PENDERFYNWYD y dylai
Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe
roi'r teitl yr

Henadur Anrhydeddus

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John Davies

*am wasanaethau eithriadol
a wnaed i'r Cyngor fel cyn-aelod o
Gyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe.*

Dyddiad: 25 Mehefin 2015

*Jack Straw
Prif Weithredwr*