



Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Council – 7 July 2022

Conferring Title of Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman

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| Purpose: | To agree in principal to confer the title of “Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman” on the former Councillors identified within the report in line with Council Criteria. |
| Policy Framework: | None. |
| Consultation: | Political Group Leaders, Access to Services, Finance, Legal. |
| Recommendation(s): | It is recommended that: 1) Council agree in principal to confer the title of Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman on former Councillors Lawrence D Bailey, June E Burtonshaw, Mark C Child, D Gareth Sullivan and Des W W Thomas, in recognition of their eminent service rendered to the City and County of Swansea and its predecessor Authority’s. 2) A Ceremonial Meeting of Council be arranged in order to confer the titles on those former Councillors named above. |
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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, 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 Councillors of the Council.”

1.2 Section 29 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 amended Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to also allow the title “Honorary Alderwoman” to be used.

1.3 Council at its meeting on 18 October 2012 adopted a Criteria for the conferring the title of ‘Honorary Alderman’ or ‘Honorary Alderwoman’. The Criteria is as follows:

“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 Prior to and at the Local Government Election on 5 May 2022, a number of Councillors had chosen to resign from Office, stand down at the election or were not re-elected.

1.5 The following Councillors meet the criteria set for the granting of Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman Status. These persons being former Councillors Lawrence D Bailey, June E Burtonshaw, Mark C Child, D Gareth Sullivan and Des W W Thomas.

1.6 The Certificate presented to each Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman is bilingual and is shown at **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 conferred within the City and County of Swansea as a reward for individuals who have reached the end 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 Councillors

3.1 Former Councillor Lawrence D Bailey

- 3.1.1 Former Councillor Lawrence D Bailey served the Llansamlet community. He was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea 2003-2004.

- 3.1.2 His periods of service are shown below.

| Authority | From | To |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Swansea City Council | 01.12.1983 | 31.03.1996 |
| Swansea City Council | 04.05.1995 | 05.2007 |

- 3.1.3 These periods amount to a collective total of approximately 23 years' service representing the residents of the City and County of Swansea.

3.2 Former Councillor June E Burtonshaw

- 3.2.1 Former Councillor June E Burtonshaw served the Penderry community. She was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea 2002-2003.

- 3.2.2 Her 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 | 09.05.2022 |

- 3.2.3 These periods amount to a collective total of approximately 39 years' service representing the residents of the City and County of Swansea.

3.3 Former Councillor Mark C Child

- 3.3.1 Former Councillor Mark C Child served the West Cross community. He was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea 2020-2021.

- 3.3.2 His periods of service are shown below.

| Authority | From | To |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| City and County of Swansea | 06.05.1999 | 09.05.2022 |

3.3.3 These periods amount to a collective total of over 23 years' service representing the residents of the City and County of Swansea.

3.4 Former Councillor D Gareth Sullivan

3.4.1 Former Councillor D Gareth Sullivan served the Llangyfelach community. He was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea 2008-2009.

3.4.2 His periods of service are shown below.

| Authority | From | To |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Lliw Valley Borough Council | 07.05.1987 | 31.03.1996 |
| City and County of Swansea | 04.05.1995 | 09.05.2022 |

3.4.3 These periods amount to a collective total of approximately 35 years' service representing the residents of the City and County of Swansea.

3.5 Former Councillor Des W W Thomas

3.5.1 Former Councillor Des W W Thomas served the West Cross community. He was Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea 1996-1997.

3.5.2 His periods of service are shown below.

| Authority | From | To |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Swansea Borough Council | 04.05.1972 | 31.03.1974 |
| Swansea City Council | 01.04.1974 | 05.05.1976 |
| West Glamorgan County Council | 01.11.1979 | 31.03.1996 |
| City and County of Swansea | 04.05.1995 | 09.05.2022 |

3.5.3 These periods amount to a collective total of approximately 45 years' service representing the residents of the City and County of Swansea.

4. Integrated Assessment Implications

4.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

4.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2005 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

4.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

4.4 An IIA Screening Form has been completed and no adverse implications have been noted.

5. Financial Implications

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

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The proposals identified are in accordance with relevant legislation.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman Certificate

Honorary Alderman / Honorary Alderwoman Certificate



Resolved that the Council of
the City and County of Swansea
confer the title of

Honorary Alderman

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

Dated: xx xxxx 2022

Martin Nicholls
Interim Chief Executive



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Gyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe.

Dyddiad: xx xxxx 2022

Martin Nicholls
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