

Special Council Meeting

Date: **20 July 2023**

Time: **3.00pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall**

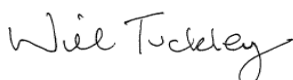
Members: **Councillors:** O'Quinn (Chair), Atkinson, Bagaeen, Davis, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Grimshaw, Hamilton, Meadows, McNair, Robins, Sankey, Shanks, C Theobald, West, Wilkinson, Williams, Alexander, Allen, Asaduzzaman, Baghoth, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel, Earthey, Gajjar, Galvin, Goddard, Goldsmith, Heliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Loughran, Lyons, McGregor, McLeay, Miller, Mistry, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, Pickett, Pumm, Robinson, Rowkins, Sheard, Simon, Stevens, Taylor, Thomson and Winder.

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AGENDA

Part One

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1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
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2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

To receive communications from the Mayor.

3 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN

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Report of the Chief Executive.

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Ward Affected: All Wards

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Note:

1. *The Mayor will put the motion to the vote and if it is carried will then:-*
 - (a) *Call on the Member who had moved the item under discussion to give their right of reply, before then putting the matter to the vote, taking into account the need to put any amendments that have been moved to the vote first;*
 - (b) *Each remaining item on the agenda that has not been dealt with will then be taken in the order they appear on the agenda and put to the vote without debate.*

The Member responsible for moving each item will be given the opportunity by the Mayor to withdraw the item or to have it voted on. If there are any amendments that have been submitted, these will be taken and voted on first in the order

that they were received.

- (c) Following completion of the outstanding items, the Mayor will then close the meeting.*
- 2. If the motion moved by the Mayor is **not carried** the meeting will continue in the normal way, with each item being moved and debated and voted on.*
- 3. Any Member will still have the opportunity to move a closure motion should they so wish. If such a motion is moved and seconded, then the same procedure as outlined above will be followed.*

Once all the remaining items have been dealt with the Mayor will close the meeting.

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Brighton & Hove City Council

Special Council

Agenda Item 3

Subject: Appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

Date of meeting: 20 July 2023

Report of: Chief Executive

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Ward(s) affected: All

For general release

1. Purpose of the report and policy context

1.1 This report asks the Council to consider conferring the honour and title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman of Brighton & Hove to former councillors in recognition of their exceptional service to the Council:

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Council admits the following former Councillors to be Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen of Brighton & Hove.

- Dawn Barnett: 2007 – 2023
- Tony Janio: 2007 – 2023
- Leo Littman: 2011 – 2023
- Phelim Mac Cafferty: 2011 – 2023
- Mary Mears: 2003 – 2023
- Alex Phillips: 2009 – 2023
- Dee Simson: 2003 – 2023

3. Context and background information

3.1 In recognition of eminent past services, a Council may, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, choose to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman. A majority of two-thirds of the Members present and voting at such a meeting is required.

3.2 The title is an honorary one and does not confer on the holder any rights or remuneration. The conferring of the title is regarded as a mark of recognition for the work and commitment given by a former councillor to the authority, their ward and the city. The Council may choose to invite Aldermen or Alderwomen to civic engagements.

3.3 Should the holder of such a title become a councillor in future then the title would be suspended.

3.4 The agreed process for nominations for Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen is set out below:

Qualification for nomination applies to those Members who:

a) have served on Brighton & Hove City Council, (with service on the constituent authorities also being taken into account), and

b) have a period of at least 15 years' service, or

c) have a period of at least 12 years and notable service such as Chair of a Committee.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

4.1 The contribution of the former Councillors named above is considered to render each of them eligible in principle for the titles of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen.

5. Community engagement and consultation

5.1 Group Leaders have been consulted about the proposed admission of those named to be conferred as an Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen.

6. Conclusion

6.1 It is recommended that those named in the report receive the title on the basis of their contributions and in accordance with the agreed process.

7. Financial implications

7.1 No direct financial implications arise from the recommendation in this report. Any costs as a result of the specially convened meeting will be met from within existing budgets.

Name of finance officer consulted: Ishemupenyu Chagonda Date consulted 05/07/23

8. Legal implications

8.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to admit as Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen of Brighton and Hove either persons of distinction or persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City as past members of the Council, and who are no longer members. The award of this title may only be made by a resolution passed by no less than two-thirds of those Members present and voting at a meeting of the Council which has been specially convened for the purpose.

Name of lawyer consulted: Victoria Simpson Date consulted 05/07/23

9. Equalities implications

9.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

10. Sustainability implications

10.1 There are no sustainability implications arising from the report.

