

# Agenda

<b>Meeting name</b>	<b>Special Meeting of the Council</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday, 23 September 2021</b>
<b>Start time</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH</b>
<b>Other information</b>	<b>This meeting is open to the public</b>

Members of the Council are summoned to the above meeting to consider the following items of business.

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**Chief Executive**

## Membership

<b>Councillors</b>	P. Faulkner (Chair)	A. Hewson (Vice-Chair)
	T. Bains	R. Bindloss
	R. Browne	S. Carter
	P. Chandler	R. Child
	P. Cumbers	R. de Burle
	J. Douglas	C. Evans
	C. Fisher	A. Freer
	M. Glancy	M. Graham MBE
	L. Higgins	E. Holmes
	J. Illingworth	S. Lumley
	J. Orson	A. Pearson
	P. Posnett MBE	D. Pritchett
	R. Smith	M. Steadman
	J. Wilkinson	P. Wood

**Quorum:** 14 Councillors

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Members to declare any interest as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting.	1 - 2
3.	<b>CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN</b> A report is to be presented in pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972. The Council is requested to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to one of its former long-serving Councillors, Gerald Edward Botterill.	3 - 6

## Advice on Members' Interests

### PERSONAL AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If the issue being discussed affects you, your family or a close associate more than other people in the area, you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest. You also have a personal interest if the issue relates to an interest you must register under paragraph 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

**You must state that you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest and the nature of your interest.** You may stay, take part and vote in the meeting.

### PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If a member of the public, who knows all the relevant facts, would view your personal interest in the issue being discussed to be so great that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it affects your or the other person or bodies' financial position or relates to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration then **you must state that you have a pecuniary interest, the nature of the interest and you must leave the room\***. You must not seek improperly to influence a decision on that matter unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Audit and Standards Committee.

### DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

**If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, if the interest is not already registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting. You must not participate in the discussion or the vote and you must leave the room.**

You may not attend a meeting or stay in the room as either an Observer Councillor or \*Ward Councillor or as a member of the public if you have a pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest\*.

### BIAS

If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be biased in your judgement of the public interest (bias) then you should not take part in the decision-making process; you should leave the room. **You should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part.** You may request permission of the Chair to address the meeting prior to leaving the room. The Chair will need to assess whether you have a useful contribution to make or whether complying with this request would prejudice the proceedings. A personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest will take precedence over bias.

In each case above, you should make your declaration at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as you are aware of the issue being discussed.\*

\*There are some exceptions – please refer to paragraphs 3.12(2) and 3.12(3) of the Code of Conduct

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## Special Council

23 September 2021

Report of: Councillor Joe Orson - Leader of the Council

### Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman

<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	N/A
<b>Relevant Ward Member(s):</b>	N/A
<b>Date of consultation with Ward Member(s):</b>	N/A
<b>Exempt Information:</b>	No

#### 1 Summary

- 1.1 In pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council is requested to consider granting Honorary Alderman status to one of its former long-serving Councillors, Gerald Edward Botterill.
- 1.2 At the request of Mr Botterill, the title will be conferred at the Council meeting on 17 March 2022.
- 1.3 Mr Botterill served the Borough from the Civic Year 1983 through to 2019.

#### 2 Recommendation(s)

**That Council:**

- 2.1 **In pursuance of the provisions of Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council confers the status of Honorary Alderman to Gerald Edward Botterill.**
- 2.2 **In accordance with Mr Botterill's wishes, the title will be conferred at the Council meeting on 17 March 2022.**
- 2.3 **Once status is conferred, the recipient and their guest be invited to Civic and Ceremonial events as guests of the Council and the recipient's name be added to the 'Roll of Honour' Board displayed at the Council's Offices.**

#### 3 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is customary to award Honorary Alderman status to former long-serving Councillors.

3.2 Once awarded, it is customary to invite recipients to Civic and Ceremonial events of the Council and to add their names to the 'Roll of Honour' Board.

## **4 Background**

4.1 Melton Borough Council has powers under Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to "confer the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen 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."

4.2 The Council has conferred this honorary status to the following four individuals:

- John W. Greenslade – conferred in 1991
- Gerald Y-C. Green – conferred in 1991
- Mrs Anne M. Dames – conferred in 2003
- Colin O. Chapman – conferred in 2011

4.3 The Council has also conferred Freedom of Entry to the Borough to two military organisations being the Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC) on 29 September 1977 and to HMS Quorn on 25 October 2006.

## **5 Main Considerations**

5.1 During the Council meeting, there will be a Proposer and a Secunder for the nomination. The Proposer and Secunder will each make short speeches and the Council will then vote on the nomination. The nomination needs to be agreed by at least two thirds of members present and voting. The ceremonial event of presenting honorary status to Mr Botterill at a Council meeting would involve speeches including the recipient's qualities to make him a worthy recipient of the award and the presentation of a scroll. This will be followed by a short acceptance speech by the Honorary Alderman.

5.2 It is usual that those in receipt of honorary status and Freedom of Entry to the Borough are invited to Civic and Ceremonial events as guests of the Council.

5.3 Members must note that, in accordance with Mr Botterill's wishes, the title will be conferred at the Council meeting on 17 March 2022.

## **6 Options Considered**

6.1 The only other option would be not to award honorary alderman status to Mr Botterill.

## **7 Consultation**

7.1 There has been consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Mayor.

## **8 Next Steps – Implementation and Communication**

8.1 Once conferred, it is standard practice to issue a press release stating that the Council has conferred Honorary Alderman status to an individual, in this case Mr Botterill.

8.2 Mr Botterill's name will be added to the 'Roll of Honour' Board as soon as possible following Council approval.

## **9 Financial Implications**

9.1 The Local Government Act 1972 at Section 249 states:

'The Council of a London borough or a district which has the status of a city, borough or royal borough may spend such reasonable sum as they think fit for the purpose of

presenting an address or a casket containing an address to a person upon whom they have conferred the title of honorary alderman or admitted to be an honorary freemen of the city, borough or royal borough.'

9.2 The cost involved in conferring Honorary Alderman status include the provision of a scroll and is approximately £200 (for electronically produced scroll).

9.3 A small reception will be provided at an approximate cost of £6 per person.

**Financial Implications reviewed by: Director for Corporate Services, 13 September 2021**

## **10 Legal and Governance Implications**

10.1 The Local Government Act 1972 at Section 249 states:

'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 councillors of the Council.'

10.2 In addition, the section states that:

'An honorary alderman of a principal Council may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide, but shall not, as such, have the right

- (a) to attend meetings of the Council or a committee of the Council (including a joint committee upon which they are represented) or
- (b) to receive any such allowances or other payments as are payable under sections 173 to 176.'

**Legal Implications reviewed by: Natasha Taylor – Deputy Monitoring Officer, 14 September 2021**

## **11 Equality and Safeguarding Implications**

11.1 There are no equality issues related to this report.

## **12 Community Safety Implications**

12.1 There are no community safety issues related to this report.

## **13 Environmental and Climate Change Implications**

13.1 There are no environmental and climate change implications related to this report.

## **14 Risk & Mitigation**

14.1 There are no risks related to this report.

## **15 Background Papers.**

15.1 None.

## **16 Appendices**

16.1 None.

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