

CONSTITUTION – PART 5H – SCHEME FOR THE ENROLMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN

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Wards affected: None directly

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the proposed amendments to the Scheme for the Enrolment Of Honorary Aldermen (Part 5H of the Constitution), as set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report be agreed, and the Democratic Services Manager be authorised to make the amendments.

Corporate Implications

1. Changes to the Constitution are made by Council, following recommendation from this Committee or Cabinet or another committee if appropriate. There are no financial implications arising from this report.
2. The proposals set out within this report propose amendments to the Scheme for enrolling Honorary Aldermen, which forms part of the Council's Constitution.

Executive Summary

3. This report sets out proposed amendments to the Council's Scheme for the enrolment of Honorary Aldermen.

Background and Issues

4. The operation of a scheme for Honorary Aldermen is governed by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. Part 5H of the Council's Constitution sets out the Council's Scheme for the enrolment of Honorary Aldermen, and a copy is attached to this report as appendix A.
5. The Leader of the Council has requested that the Scheme be amended to state that there shall be a maximum of 10 Honorary Aldermen at any one time. Currently the Council has 10 Honorary Aldermen, and the Leader considers that this number should be a maximum for the Council. It is proposed that a new section (f) be inserted in paragraph 1 of the Scheme at appendix 'A', to read as follows: "That there shall be a maximum of 10 Honorary Aldermen at any one time".
6. It is also appropriate to tidy up other aspects of the Scheme. For example, under section 5, 'Privileges', references are made to the use of the Members' Room in the District Council Offices. It is proposed this is removed as there is no members' room in the Council Offices. In addition, references are also made to Honorary Aldermen receiving the Council Year Book and Diary, and it is also proposed that this is removed as these publications are no longer produced.

Next steps

7. The recommendations from the Committee will be considered by Full Council at their next meeting on 18 July 2016.

Background Papers

Council's Constitution – Part 5H.