



Summons and Agenda for the
Special Council Meeting

to be held on
**Tuesday, 13 December
2022**

at
5.00 pm





To: All District Councillors

cc: Chief Officers

You are hereby summoned to a **SPECIAL** meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT on **TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2022** starting at **5.00 pm**. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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Janet Waggott
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Disclosures of Interest

A copy of the Register of Interest for each Selby District Councillor is available for inspection at www.selby.gov.uk.

Councillors should declare to the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business on this agenda which is not already entered in their Register of Interests.

Councillors should leave the meeting and take no part in the consideration, discussion or vote on any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Councillors should also declare any other interests. Having made the declaration, provided the other interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest, the Councillor may stay in the meeting, speak and vote on that item of business.

If in doubt, Councillors are advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer.

3. Appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen (C/22/11) (Pages 1 - 8)

The Council is asked to consider report C/22/11 and decide whether to confer the title of Honorary Alderman (or Alderwoman as appropriate) on the following current and former District Councillors:

- Donald Bain-Mackay
- Elizabeth Casling
- John Cattanach
- Ian Chilvers
- Mark Crane
- Stephanie Duckett
- Cliff Lunn
- John Mackman
- Brian Marshall
- Chris Metcalfe
- Wendy Nichols
- Robert Packham
- Chris Pearson
- Steve Shaw-Wright
- Richard Sweeting
- Anthony Thurlow

Agenda Item 3



Report Reference Number: C/22/11

To: Special Council
Date: 13 December 2022
Author: Gina Mulderrig, Democratic Services Officer
Lead Officer: Janet Waggott, Chief Executive

Title: Appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

Summary:

It is customary to regularly consider whether any individuals qualify for the title of Honorary Alderman (or Alderwoman as appropriate). Ahead of the dissolution of Selby District Council on 31 March 2023, all previous and current District Councillors are considered for the title. In line with legislation and the Council's previously adopted criteria, Councillors listed in the Recommendations qualify for consideration to be appointed as Honorary Aldermen (or Alderwomen as appropriate) by Selby District Council.

Recommendation:

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- **Anthony Thurlow**

Reasons for recommendation:

To ensure Council recognises individuals who have rendered eminent services to the Council.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman may be conferred by the District Council on persons who have, in its opinion, rendered eminent service to the Council. For the title to be conferred a specially convened meeting of Council must be held and a resolution must be passed by not less than two thirds of the Councillors voting at the Council meeting. Although the original Act did not mention the title of Honorary Alderwoman, this was introduced in the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.
- 1.2 In addition to the legislation, the Council adopted criteria in February 1984 which stated that a Councillor would have to have provided 25 years' service to the Council to qualify for consideration for appointment to the position of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman. The criteria was then discounted by one year in respect of each year the individual served as Chairman of the Council.
- 1.3 The first Honorary Alderman was appointed at a special meeting on 24 May 1984. A full list of individuals who have been conferred with the honour can be seen at Appendix A.
- 1.4 In August 1999, the Council resolved to reduce the length of service threshold from 25 years to 20 years.

2. Proposed Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

- 2.1 The list of proposed Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.2 Due to local government reorganisation, the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No.2) Regulations 2008, Regulation 32 applies and means that Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen appointed to Selby District Council will on the 1st April 2023 become Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen of the new North Yorkshire Council.
- 2.3 The 1972 Act at Section 249 (2) applies and means that any person appointed as Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman and still serving as a Councillor at Selby District Council (or North Yorkshire Council post April 2023) shall not be entitled to be addressed as Alderman or Alderwoman and shall not take part in any civic ceremonies of Selby District Council or the new North Yorkshire Council post April 2023 in that role.

- 2.4 The 1972 Act at Section 249(3) means that eminent service rendered to Selby District Council will be treated as service to the new North Yorkshire Council for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen.
- 2.5 The Council is invited to consider the list of persons at Appendix B and resolve to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on those who have rendered eminent service to Selby District Council.

3. Alternative Options Considered

Not appointing Aldermen or Alderwomen would fail to recognise the eminent service of the Councillors on the dissolution of Selby District Council.

4. Implications

4.1 Legal Implications

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 outlines the requirements and the process for appointing Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen. Ordinarily serving Councillors cannot be appointed as Honorary Aldermen under this provision. However, as the Council is subject to local government reorganisation, the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No.2) Regulations 2008 No. 2867 permit serving Councillors to be appointed as Honorary Aldermen or Alderwomen.

4.2 Financial Implications

There are costs associated with purchasing a certificate and a plaque to be given to anyone appointed and costs of catering a reception following any appointments. These costs will be met from the Democratic Services budget.

4.3 Policy and Risk Implications

Not applicable.

4.4 Corporate Plan Implications

Not applicable.

4.5 Resource Implications

Not applicable.

4.6 Other Implications

Not applicable.

4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1** The Council can consider whether to confer the title of Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman upon former and current Councillors listed in the recommendation in recognition of the eminent service to the District Council that they have rendered and their length of service. For the honours to be approved Councillors will have to vote with a two thirds majority at the meeting for a resolution to that effect.

6. Background Documents

None.

7. Appendices

Appendix A – List of Individuals who have been conferred with the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman

Appendix B – List of Individuals to be considered and their length of service including role as Chair

Contact Officer:

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Name	Length of service (years)	Date appointed Alderman
Ernest Britton	28	24 May 1984
Cyril Coultish MBE	45	11 Jul 1991
Donald Hesse	24	11 Jul 1991
Harold Hick MBE	40	12 Dec 1995
Joseph M. Bramley	36	12 Dec 1995
Leslie Cunliffe	26	12 Dec 1995
Richard E Britton	29	26 Mar 1996
Kenneth Woodward	20	14 Dec 1999
John Webster	20	14 Dec 1999
Gordon Holmes	22	14 Dec 1999
Raymond Carr	22	14 Dec 1999
Jim Deans	22	14 Dec 1999
Malcolm Johnson	20	14 Dec 1999
Squire Bradbury	31	14 Dec 1999
Roy Wilson	22	14 Dec 1999
Trevor Limbert	21	14 Dec 1999
Jack Heppenstall	20	14 Dec 1999
Geoff G. Lynch	27	08 May 2001
Arthur Cawood	42	12 Aug 2003
Mrs Rachel Cunliffe	24	12 Aug 2003
William J. Harrison	20	12 Aug 2003
Mrs Pam Odell	24	09 Dec 2003
Maurice Patrick	42	12 Sep 2006
Maureen Davis	24	1 Dec 2015
Doreen Davies	20	1 Dec 2015

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Name	Length of Service (years)	Terms	Wards Represented
Donald Bain-Mackay	36**	1987 – 2023	Tadcaster
Elizabeth Casling	20	1999 – 2019	Escrick
John Cattanach	24*	1999 – 2023	Cawood with Wistow
Ian Chilvers	22*	2003 – 2023	Brayton
Mark Crane	24	1999 – 2023	Brayton
Stephanie Duckett	30**	1995 – 2023	Barlby with Osgodby/ Barlby
Cliff Lunn	20	2003 – 2023	Thorpe Willoughby
John Mackman	21*	2003 – 2023	Monk Fryston
Brian Marshall	20	1999 – 2019	Barlby with Osgodby/ Barlby
Chris Metcalfe	24	1987 – 1991, 1995 – 2015	Tadcaster
Wendy Nichols	24	1999 – 2023	Selby Central, Selby East and Selby South
Robert Packham	20	2003 – 2023	Sherburn in Elmet
Chris Pearson	24*	1999 – 2023	Hambleton
Steve Shaw-Wright	24	1995 – 2015, 2019 – 2023	Selby East and Selby North
Richard Sweeting	24**	1999 – 2023	Tadcaster
Anthony Thurlow	28*	1979 – 1995, 2007 – 2019	Selby North

* Denotes year(s) served as Chair

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