

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	MAYORALTY AND HONORARY FREEDOM SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE 27 January 2014
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Mike Fisher, Leader of the Council
LEAD OFFICER:	Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Not relevant to Honorary Titles.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: The costs will be contained within existing budgets.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO: Not applicable	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to either agree to apply the current qualification period for the award of the title Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman or propose an alternative qualification period to the Corporate Services Committee.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report sets out the current qualification period for potential nominations to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen awards and seeks the Sub Committees agreement of this period or to propose an alternative qualification period to the Corporate Services Committee.

3. DETAIL

Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

- 3.1 The Council has the statutory power to grant the title of Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen. The criteria for such a title is applicable to former Councillors of the London Borough of Croydon who have rendered eminent service in their capacity as a Councillor and where a period of 16 years has been served.
- 3.2 The current qualification period for the award of Honorary Alderman/ Alderwoman was agreed by the Corporate Services Committee on 20 January 2010 and is detailed in the Councils Constitution Part 4A, Section 6.
- 3.3 In May 2014 there would be 27 Councillors who would fall within this qualifying period criteria should they either retire or not be re-elected to the Council.
- 3.4 The Sub-Committee may wish to review this qualifying period and make a recommendation to the Corporate Services Committee for an amendment to the qualifying period and therefore to the Councils Constitution.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None for the purpose of this report. However, the nominations for recipients are made via this Subcommittee.

5 FINANCIAL & RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

1. The effect of the decision

Any costs arising from this proposal will be contained within the existing ` budget.

(Approved by Helen Sach, Head of Corporate Finance, Chief Executives Department)

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council may confer these titles pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 and related legislation.

7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no Data Protection implications arising from this report. Details of the terms of office of the recommended nominees would be accessible information under the Freedom of information Act.

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Background Documents:

Council Constitution
Corporate Service Committee report title - Amendments to the Council
Constitution – Honorary Aldermen and Aldermen. 20th January 2010