

General Purposes & Audit Committee - Mayoralty & Honorary Freedom Selection Sub- Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Tony Newman (Chair)
Councillors Clive Fraser, Simon Hall, Tim Pollard and Jason Perry

Reserve Members: Pat Clouder, Maddie Henson, Toni Letts,
Jason Cummings and Mario Creatura

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee - Mayoralty & Honorary Freedom Selection Sub-Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Tuesday, 7 May 2019** at **6.00 pm** in **Town Hall**

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AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any Members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2019 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosures of interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Civic Awards (Part A) (Pages 7 - 10)

To consider nominations to grant the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman to former Councillors.

6. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion is to be moved and seconded as the "camera resolution" where it is proposed to move into part B of a meeting:

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of

Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

7. Civic Awards (Part B) (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider nominations to grant the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman to former Councillors.

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General Purposes & Audit Committee - Mayoralty & Honorary Freedom Selection Sub-Committee

Meeting of the Mayoralty & Honorary Freedom Selection Sub-Committee held on Monday, 28 January 2019 at 6.00 pm in F10 - Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Tony Newman, Clive Fraser, Simon Hall, Tim Pollard and Jason Perry

PART A

1/19 **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

2/19 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3/19 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests. Members confirmed their disclosure of interest forms were accurate and up-to-date.

4/19 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

5/19 **Nomination of Mayor for the Council Year 2019/20**

Councillor Newman, Leader of the Council, moved and Councillor Hall seconded the motion that Councillor Kabir be invited to allow his name to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 20 May 2019 for election to the Office of Mayor for the Council year 2019/20.

RESOLVED: The meeting unanimously resolved that Councillor Kabir be invited to allow his name to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the

Council, to be held on 20 May 2019, for election to the Office of Mayor for the Council year 2019/20.

6/19

[The following motion is to be moved and seconded as the "camera resolution" where it is proposed to move into part B of a meeting]

There being no items of exempt business, this item was not required.

The meeting ended at 6.02 pm

Signed:

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Date:

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REPORT TO:	MAYORALTY AND HONORARY FREEDOM SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE 7 May 2019
SUBJECT:	CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMEN AND HONORARY ALDERWOMEN – SECTION 249(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
LEAD OFFICER:	JACQUELINE HARRIS BAKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES & MONITORING OFFICER
WARDS:	All

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1. To recommend to a Special Meeting of the Council to conduct the following business:
- a) To confer the title of Honorary Aldermen or Honorary Alderwomen to those former Councillors detailed in agenda item 7 in recognition of their eminent services to the Council; and
 - b) to make arrangements for hospitality and awards as detailed in Section 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report sets out the process for the admission of former Councillors to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen and the arrangements necessary for granting and agreeing any awards. Agenda item 7 details the nominations received from Group Leaders.

3. NOMINEES

Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

- 3.1 The Council has the power within the Local Government Act 1972 to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen on past Members who in the opinion of the Council have rendered eminent services to the Council. The Council's qualifying criterion for such a title are set out in paragraph 6.1 of Part 4A of the Constitution as follows:

Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen

Former Members of the London Borough of Croydon, nominated by the Leader of a political group represented on the Council, who have either:

- (i) rendered eminent service in their capacity as Member, considering the contribution that they have made to the borough, including roles served and how their service rendered is above and beyond that expected of all Members; or
- (ii) served a period of twelve years on the Council.

4. PROCESS

4.1 A Special Meeting of Council as part of the Annual Council Meeting has been convened to take place at 6.30pm on Monday 20 May 2019 for the purposes of considering recommendations from this Sub-Committee.

4.2 Should the nominations in this report be agreed by the Sub-Committee, a resulting recommendation will be moved at the Special Council Meeting. This will be in the form of a Resolution moved by Leader of the Council. The Leader of the Opposition will be invited to second the Resolution. Indicative wording for the Resolution is set out below:

“That this Council does resolve under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen of the Borough to the following former Councillors in deserved recognition of their eminent public service as an elected Councillor”.

4.3 Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwomen will receive a small corporate gift. Other costs such as printing of citations will be contained within existing budgets.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 None for the purpose of this report. However, the nominations for recipients are made via the cross-Party membership of this Subcommittee.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. The costs arising from this proposal will be contained within the existing budget.

Approved by: Lisa Taylor, Director of Finance, Investment and Risk

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 permits the Council by a resolution, passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon, at a meeting specially convened for the purpose to confer the title of Honorary Aldermen on persons who have in the opinion of the Council rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members.

Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Lead Officer:

Jacqueline Harris Baker

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Background Documents: None

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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