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

## **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

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**Background Documents:** None