

**REPORT TO Executive**

**Date of Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Report of: Corporate Manager, Democratic & Civic Support**

**Title: HONORARY ALDERMAN**

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**Is this an Executive or Council Function?**

**Council**

**1.1 What is the report about?**

1.1 This report sets out a proposal to offer the position of Honorary Alderman of the City to Mrs Stella Brock in recognition of her outstanding service to the Council over her 16 years of office on the Council, including her time as Lord Mayor in 2011.

**2. Recommendations:**

2.1 That in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor be requested to convene an Extraordinary meeting of the Council, on the rising of the Ordinary meeting of the Council on 17 October 2017, to consider granting the position of Honorary Alderman of the City to Mrs Stella Brock.

**3. Reasons for the recommendation:**

3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, gives Councils the power to grant the position of Honorary Alderman of the City to any individual who it feels has given eminent service to the City.

3.2 To this end, an Extraordinary meeting of the full Council must be convened to specifically consider this matter, with two thirds of those present, voting in favour.

3.3 An Honorary Alderman shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges:

- To enjoy the courtesy title of Alderman and to be so addressed.
- In the event of the Council deciding to give some badge, robe or emblem to Honorary Alderman, to wear such badge, robe or emblem on civic occasions.
- At each meeting of the Council to have seats reserved in the public gallery for the use of Honorary Aldermen.
- To receive a copy of each Council summons and a copy of the Council Year Book and Diary.
- To received invitations to all civic and social events to which Members of the Council are invited.
- To walk in civic procession in a position immediately senior to serving Members.
- To enjoy such other privileges as the Council may confer upon them from time to time.

3.4 If the recommendation contained in this report is accepted by The Executive and subsequently adopted by full Council, an Extraordinary meeting of the Council will therefore be organised immediately after the ordinary meeting of the Council

scheduled for 17 October 2017, when Members will be asked to consider granting the position of Honorary Alderman of the City to Mrs Stella Brock.

- 3.5 The nomination shown below has been received in accordance with the following agreed criteria against which nominations would be considered:-

A person shall be deemed eligible to be enrolled as an Honorary Alderman provided that the person:

- Is not a serving member of Exeter City Council
- Has served as a Member of the City Council for at least 12 years in total
- Has given exceptional service during that period

*“Having served for sixteen years as a member of the City Council, Stella more than meets the criterion for length of service, particularly as she served as Lord Mayor for 2011/12. Since then, including since she ceased being a city councillor, she has continued to support the Mayoralty and the various civic events.”*

**4. What are the resource implications including non financial resources.**

- 4.1 Other than a small cost in preparing a suitable ceremonial scroll and hosting a small reception, there are no resource implications.

**5. Section 151 Officer comments:**

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications contained in this report.

**6. What are the legal aspects?**

- 6.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, gives Councils the power to grant Honorary Alderman status to any individual who it feels has given eminent service to the City.

**7. Monitoring Officer’s comments:**

- 7.1 This report raises no issues for the Monitoring Officer.

**8. Report details:**

- 8.1 The Council is asked to consider bestowing the honour to Mrs Stella Brock, due to her services to the Council during her 16 years of service as a Councillor, particularly during her term of office as Lord Mayor in 2011/12, and her on-going and continual support for the Mayoralty and civic events.

**9. How does the decision contribute to the Council’s Corporate Plan?**

- 9.1 This decision will help promote the City as a regional capital and one which supports those who support and promote the City as such.

**10. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?**

10.1 There are no risks associated with the proposals.

**11. What is the impact of the decision on equality and diversity; health and wellbeing; safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, community safety and the environment?**

11.1 None applicable with this decision

**12. Are there any other options?**

12.1 The Council could decide not to make the award, although it is felt that this would be against the approved criteria.

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**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)**  
**Background papers used in compiling this report:-**

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