

**Bolsover District Council**

**Council**

**2 December 2015**

**Investiture of the title “Honorary Alderman”**

**Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

To seek members’ approval to confer the title Honorary Alderman on former councillor Raymond Brooks. This is in view of the 25 years plus service he gave to Bolsover District Council and Blackwell Rural District Council.

**Report details**

- 1.1 The Local Government Act 1972 - Part 2, Section 249 gives the Council power to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of the Council, but who are not then councillors of the council. The service can include that of former borough, urban or rural district councils.
- 1.2 The resolution must be made at a meeting specially convened for the purpose and be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.
- 1.3 An Honorary Alderman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. However, there is no right to attend meetings or receive any allowance.
- 1.4 The Council has a policy of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on any former elected member who has undertaken 25 plus years of service as a local elected member with the District of Bolsover or its predecessors (Blackwell Rural District Council, Clowne Rural District Council or Bolsover Urban District Council) or has given eminent service to the Council.

**2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 Former councillor Raymond Brooks has served for more than 25 years, taking account of his length of service on Bolsover District Council and a predecessor council. The award of the title is therefore within the Council’s policy.

### **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

3.1 There are no consultation requirements or equality issues.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 Not to award the title. This was rejected as it was felt that the Council would want to honour its former elected member and the award fits within existing policy.

### **5 Implications**

#### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

None other than the small cost of documenting the award.

#### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

As set out in the report.

#### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

None

### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 **That members confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former councillor Raymond Brooks following his 25 years' service on the Council.**

### **7 Decision Information**

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| <b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b><br>(A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards) | Yes/No |
| <b>District Wards Affected</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | None   |
| <b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>                                                                                                                                              | None   |

### **8 Document Information**

| <b>Appendix No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Title</b> |
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| <b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC)) |              |

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| you must provide copies of the background papers) |                       |
| Local Government Act 1972 section 249             |                       |
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