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Southend-on-Sea City Council

Civic Centre
Southend-on-Sea

12 November 2024



I hereby summon you to attend the special meeting of the Southend-on-Sea City Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday, 20th November, 2024 at 6.30pm for the transaction of the following business.

C. Ansell
Chief Executive

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Meeting: Council
Date: 20th November 2024
Classification: Part 1
Key Decision: No
Title of Report: **Award of Honorary Alderman**

Executive Director: Claire Shuter – Executive Director (Strategy and Change)
Report Author: Robert Harris – Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor, Mr Derek Jarvis who has rendered eminent services to the Council.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1. Confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor, Mr Derek Jarvis, under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, in recognition of his significant contribution to the Council in particular and public service in general.

3. Background

- 3.1 S.249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council power to confer the title of “Honorary Alderman” or “Honorary Alderwoman” on past Members of the Council who have rendered eminent services to the Council or a predecessor authority. A Special Council meeting must be convened for this purpose and the resolution to confer the title must be passed by not less than two thirds of the Councillors voting on it.
- 3.2 The Council at its meeting on 10th December 2015 agreed the principle to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on past Members with at least 15 years’ service and who had rendered eminent services to the Council (or a predecessor authority).
- 3.3 Former Councillor Derek Jarvis’ health has recently deteriorated and in consultation with the Group Leaders it was agreed to expedite the award and arrange this Special Council meeting to confer the honour.
- 3.4 Former Councillor Derek Jarvis served on Southend-on-Sea City Council for a period of 20 years (2001 – 2005, 2007-2011 and 2011 – 2023). During this time he has held several portfolios and Cabinet posts including Culture and

Tourism and more recently Arts, Culture and Heritage - areas which are close to his heart.

He is a passionate supporter of the arts, culture and heritage of the City and as a former Cabinet Member supported and promoted a wide range of events attracting visitors to the town such as the successful music festivals. He was instrumental in the delivery of a number of key projects as the former Cabinet Member, including the development of the Southend Forum and the Cultural Centre at Southend Pier. Derek was also Chair of a number of Committees including the Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee.

- 3.5 Derek was elected Mayor in 2018 and served this role with distinction, supporting and raising funds for a number of charities.

4. Reasons for Decisions

- 4.1. To expedite the award and confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor and Mayor, Mr Derek Jarvis.

5. Other Options

- 5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The Council has the power under Section 249(4A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to spend a reasonable sum as thought fit for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman/Honorary Alderwoman.
- 6.2. The costs of a certificate (printed in house) and a badge will be met from the existing budget provision.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 As set out in the body of the report.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Consultation has been undertaken with the Group Leaders.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None

10. Report Authorisation

This report has been approved for publication by:		
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