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## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Meeting of General Purposes Committee

**Date: Tuesday, 7th December, 2021**  
**Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor T Harp (Chair)  
Councillors S George (Vice-Chair), D McGlone, J Moyies,  
\*J Courtenay and \*F Evans

\*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

**In Attendance:** R Harris and J Williams

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 6.50 pm

#### **527 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jarvis (substitute: Cllr Courtenay), Moring (substitute: Cllr F Evans), Kelly, Robinson and Thompson (no substitutes).

#### **528 Declarations of Interest**

All Councillors – non-pecuniary interest - Nominees for Honorary Alderman and Freedom of the Borough were known to them.

#### **529 Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved:-

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **530 Honorary Alderman Nominations**

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) relating to the Honorary Alderman nominations received.

Resolved:

1. That, pursuant to Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the past Members as detailed in the report and that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened in the New Year, to confer the honours. |||

**531 Freedom of the Borough Nominations**

The Committee considered three reports from the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) relating to nominations received, to confer the Freedom of the Borough.

Resolved:

1. That pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council be recommended to confer the Freedom of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea on the nominees, as detailed in the submitted reports, in recognition of their eminent and outstanding public service they have rendered to the Borough of Southend-on-Sea. Further that a Special meeting of the Council be convened in the New Year, to confer the honour and to present the nominees with a ceremonial scroll.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_