

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

7 May 2024



Subject: Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen
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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To propose the appointment of former Councillor Brigid Jones to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.
- 1.2 To recommend that this be considered at a special meeting of the Council to be held at 1555 hours on Tuesday 21 May 2024.
- 1.3 To propose that the Title of Honorary Alderman *Posthumous* be conferred on the late Councillor and former Lord Mayor Mohammed Azim.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the City Council be recommended to admit former Councillor Brigid Jones to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen at a special meeting of the Council to be held at 1555 hours on Tuesday 21 May 2024.
- 2.2 That the City Council be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderman *Posthumous* on the late Councillor and former Lord Mayor Mohammed Azim and that the matter be considered at the special meeting of the Council to be held at 1555 hours on Tuesday 21 May 2024 and, if approved, to authorise the Lord Mayor and the Leader of the Council to present the *Posthumous* Title to his family.

3 Background

- 3.1 Section 249 (i) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of that Council. This requires a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting on it at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.
- 3.2 The City Council has instituted a Roll of Honorary Aldermen to which are admitted former Aldermen or Councillors of the City, the former City of Birmingham or the former borough of Sutton Coldfield who have
- a) rendered a minimum of 15 years service as a member of any of these Councils or
 - b) served for at least 12 years as a member of any of these Councils and given particularly notable service.

Broken service is aggregated.

- 3.3 Councillor Brigid Jones resigned from the Council in March 2024 and is eligible for consideration for admission to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the Council.

Councillor Brigid Jones – Served on the City Council from May 2011 to March 2024, a total of 12 years and 10 months. She was Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services (2012-2015), Cabinet Member for Children’s Services (2015-2016), Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools (2016-2017), Deputy Leader of the Council (2017-2023), Deputy Leader of the Labour Group (2017-2023), Chair of Cabinet Committee: Group Company Governance (2018-2023) and Cabinet Member, Finance and Resources (2023-2024),

- 3.4 In addition to the above, Councillor Mohammed Azim passed away on 14 August 2022. Councillor Azim served on the City Council from June 2004 to May 2006 and from May 2012 to August 2022, a total of 12 years and 2 months during which time he served as Lord Mayor of Birmingham from 2019-2021 and Deputy Lord Mayor from 2021-2022.
- 3.5 The Committee agreed several years ago to recommend to City Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman *Posthumous* on previous persons who have died whilst serving as Councillors and may wish to do the same in respect of the late Councillor Mohammed Azim.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from the report.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

6 Public Sector Equality Duty

6.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

8 Other Implications

8.1 None.

9 Background Papers

9.1 None.

10 Appendices

10.1 None.