

Birmingham City Council

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Subject: Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen
Report of: Council Business Management Committee
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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council is asked to consider the appointment of former Councillors Muhammad Afzal, Mohammed Aikhlaq, Tahir Ali, Paulette Hamilton, Mike Leddy, John Lines, Chauhdry Rashid, Carl Rice, Mike Sharpe and Mike Ward to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen as recommended by the Council Business Management Committee.
- 1.2 That the City Council is asked to confer the title of Honorary Alderman Posthumous on the late Councillors Mohammed Fazal, Neil Eustace, Raymond Hassall and Penny Holbrook and to authorise the Lord Mayor and the Leader of the Council to present the Posthumous title to the families.

2 Motion

- 2.1 That the City Council admit former Councillors Muhammad Afzal, Mohammed Aikhlaq, Tahir Ali, Paulette Hamilton, Mike Leddy, John Lines, Chauhdry Rashid, Carl Rice, Mike Sharpe and Mike Ward to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.
- 2.2 That the City Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman Posthumous on the late Councillors Mohammed Fazal, Neil Eustace, Raymond Hassall and Penny

Holbrook and to authorise the Lord Mayor and the Leader of the Council to present the Posthumous title to the families.

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 for the purpose of computing total service.

- 3.3 In accordance with this criteria, the following former members of the Council are eligible for consideration for admission to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the Council.

Muhammad Afzal – Served on the City Council from May 1982 to May 2005 and May 2007 to May 2022; a total of 38 years. He was Lord Mayor 2021 to 2022, Chair of Urban Renewal 1986 to 1987 and 1988 to 1991, Chair of Urban Development 1987 to 1988, Chair of Personnel 1992 to 1996, Chair of JNC Appointments Sub 1993 to 1996, Chair of General Purposes 1996 to 1998, Chair of Personnel and Equalities Advisory 2000 to 2001, Chair of JNC Officers Appointments and Terms and Conditions Sub 2000 to 2002, Chair of Personnel and Human Resources Advisory 2001 to 2002, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Human Resources 2002 to 2004, Chair of Appointments Sub Committee 2002 to 2004, Chair of Employment and Human Resources 2012 to 2015, Chair of Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments Sub 2012 to 2015 and Chair of Personnel Appeals Sub Committees A, B and C 2012 to 2015.

Mohammed Aikhlaq – Served on the City Council from May 2010 to May 2022 and June 2004 to May 2022, a total of 12 years. He was Chair of Corporate Governance Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2016 to 2018, Chair of Children's Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2018 to 2019 and Chair of Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2021 to 2022.

Tahir Ali – Served on the City Council from May 1999 to May 2003 and June 2004 to May 2022, a total of 21 years and 11 months. He was Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety 2002 to 2003, Cabinet Member for Development Jobs and Skills 2012 to 2014, Cabinet Member for Development Transport and The Economy 2014 to 2016 and Chair of Economy and Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2018 to 2020.

Paulette Hamilton – Served on the City Council from June 2004 to May 2022, a total of 17 years and 11 months. She was Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care 2015 to 2022 and Chair of Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board 2015 to 2022.

John Lines – Served on the City Council from May 1982 to May 2022, a total of 40 years. He was Lord Mayor 2012 to 2013, Deputy Lord Mayor 2013 to 2014 and 2018 to 2019, Cabinet Member for Housing 2004 to 2012, Shadow Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing 2013 to 2014, Shadow Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Management and Homes 2015 to 2016, Chair of Street Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2003 to 2004 and Chair of Bartley Green Ward Forum 2019 to 2022.

Chauhdry Rashid – Served on the City Council from May 1987 to May 1999 and June 2004 to May 2022, a total of 29 years and 11 months. He was Lord Mayor 2008 to 2009 and Deputy Lord Mayor 2009 to 2010.

Carl Rice – Served on the City Council from May 1987 to May 2022, a total of 35 years. He was Lord Mayor 2016 to 2017, Deputy Lord Mayor 2017, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools 2017 to 2018, Chair of Co-ordinating Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2019 to 2022, Chair of Governance, Resources and Customer Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2013 to 2015, Chair of Governance, Resources and Member Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2012 to 2013, Chair of Personnel Appeal Committee 2002 to 2004, Chair of Ladywood Constituency Committee 2003 to 2012 and Chair of Leisure Services 1993 to 1997.

Mike Sharpe – Served on the City Council from May 1988 to May 1992 and October 2001 to May 2022, a total of 24 years and 7 months. He was Lord Mayor 2006 to 2007, Deputy Lord Mayor 2007 to 2008, Chair of Erdington Constituency Committee 2009 to 2010, Chair of Planning 2012 to 2018 and Cabinet Adviser (Armed Forces) 2019 to 2022.

Mike Luddy – Served on the City Council from May 1995 to May 2003 and September 2007 to May 2022; a total of 22 Years and 8 months. He was Lord Mayor 2013 to 2014, Deputy Lord Mayor 2014 to 2015, Chair of Street Services 1999 to 2000, Chair of Street Services Advisory Team 2000 to 2001, Chair of Lord Mayor's Advisory Group 2016 to 2018, Chair of Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub 2016 to 2019 and Chair of Licensing Sub Committee C 2018 to 2021.

Mike Ward – Served on the City Council from May 1991 to May 2022; a total of 31 Years. He was Chairman of Personnel Appeals 2004 to 2009, Vice-Chairman of

Leisure, Sport and Culture Overview and Scrutiny 2006 to 2007, Chairman to Yardley Constituency Committee 2011 to 2012, Vice-Chairman of Equalities and Human Resources 2011 to 2012, Chair of Yardley District Committee 2016 to 2018 and Liberal Democrat Group Secretary 2011 to 2022.

- 3.4 The Office of Honorary Aldermen does not carry any legal right to attend meetings of the Council or its Committees or to claim any allowances payable to Elected Members.
- 3.5 It is also a recommendation of Council Business Management Committee to confer the title of Honorary Alderman Posthumous on previous persons who have died whilst serving as Councillors, the following former members of the Council are eligible for consideration for admission to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen posthumous of the Council.

Councillor Mohammed Fazal - Served on the City Council from May 1987 to May 1995 and May 2002 to May 2022, a total of 28 years and 7 months during which time he served on numerous Committees.

Councillor Raymond Hassall – Served on the Council since May 1990, a total of 27 years 10 months. During his time on the Council Raymond Hassall served on a considerable number of Committees and was Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture (2006-09) and Adviser to the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture Portfolio (2002-04).

Councillor Neil Eustace - Served on the Council since May 1986, a total of 35 years 4 months. During his time on the Council Neil Eustace served on a considerable number of Committees chairing the Public Protection Committee (2004 to 2012).

Councillor Penny Holbrook - Served on the Council May 2003 to May 2008 and since 6 May 2010, a total of 16 years 7 months. During her time on the Council Penny Holbrook served on a considerable number of Committees and held the following positions Advisor to Cabinet Member for Equalities and Human Resources (2003-04), Executive Member for Local Services Erdington (2012-14), Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning and Culture (2014-16), Deputy Chair of Housing and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee (2017-18) and Chair of Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee (2018-21).