

Birmingham City Council

Report to City Council

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Title: **POLICY ON THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN**

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Is this a Key Decision? Not Applicable

If this is a Key Decision, is this decision listed on the Forward Plan? Not Applicable

Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan: Not Applicable.

Is this a Late Report? No
Reason(s) why Late: Not Applicable.

Is this decision eligible for 'call in?' Not Applicable

If not eligible, please provide reason(s): Not Applicable.

Wards: All

Does this report contain exempt or confidential information?

No

Has this decision been included on the Notification of Intention to consider Matters in Private?

Not Applicable

Reasons why not included on the Notification:

Not Applicable.

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following the resolution of Council at its extraordinary meeting on 9 January 2024, this report sets out a draft policy on the appointment and removal of the title of Honorary Alderman.

2 COMMISSIONERS' REVIEW

- 2.1 There were no comments from Commissioners in relation to this report.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Council adopts the policy as set out in appendix 1.
- 3.2 If the policy is adopted by Council, any current petitions relating to the removal of any honourable titles be considered under the policy

4 KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 At its meeting on 9th January 2024 Council considered a petition that had been received to call an extraordinary meeting to consider the removal of the title of honorary Alderman from former Councillor Muhammed Afzal.
- 4.2 A copy of the agenda and reports can be found at [Microsoft Word - Agenda CC 06012015.doc \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)
- 4.3 At that meeting Council resolved that:

“That Council would review its policies in terms of the appointment and removal of the title of Honorary Alderman with a report to be brought back to Council to consider. This review should be completed within 6 months and be reported back to an ordinary meeting of the Full Council before the end of July 2024.

This review should not seek to diminish or remove the role of Honorary Alderman itself in any way, and only concern itself with how the role can be protected from individuals bringing it into disrepute”.

- 4.4 The draft policy in appendix 1, looks to deal with both the appointment and removal of Honorary Alderman.

5 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.

Legal

- 5.2 There are none other than those set out in the report of 9 January 2024.

Equalities

5.3 There are none arising from this report.

6 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Agenda and report to Council dated 9th January 2024