

# Birmingham City Council

## City Council

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose that the title of Honorary Alderman Posthumous be conferred on the late Councillor Keith Linnecor and, if approved, the City Council is invited to authorise the Lord Mayor to present the Posthumous title to late Councillor Linnecor's family at a time to be agreed.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the City Council confers the Title of Honorary Alderman Posthumous on the late Councillor Keith Linnecor and authorises the Lord Mayor to present the Posthumous Title to late Councillor Linnecor 's 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 In September 2007 the City Council conferred for the first time the Title of Honorary Alderman *Posthumous* on a Councillor who had died, in office. It was acknowledged that that would set a precedent for the City Council. The then Chief Legal Officer was satisfied that the City Council had sufficient legal powers to confer the Title as it does not grant any rights that exist after the death of an Honorary Alderman. City Council also noted that any further Honorary Alderman *Posthumous* Titles will continue to be conferred, on a case by case basis and on the merits of the individual.

3.3 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

- rendered a minimum of 15 years' service as a member of any of these Councils

or

- served for at least 12 years as a member of any of these Councils and given particularly notable service.

Broken service is aggregated.

3.4 Members will be aware that Councillor Keith Linnecor passed away on 13 February 2020. He had served on the Council since May 1996, a total of 23 years 9 months. During his time on the Council Keith Linnecor served on a considerable number of Council Committees and was a Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority's Transport Delivery Committee and its predecessors for a number of years. In addition he was Cabinet Adviser (Fly Tipping) 2018-19 and Cabinet Adviser (Allotments) 2019-20 and Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee 2015-2018 and 2019-2020.