

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011  
**Report of:** Democratic and Registration Services Manager  
**Subject/Title:** Recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

1.1 This report sets out the recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee to the Constitution Committee in relation to conferring on former Members of the Council the title of Honorary Alderman.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the Committee consider the recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee as set out in the report.

### **3.0 Wards Affected**

3.1 N/A

### **4.0 Local Ward Members**

4.1 N/A

### **5.0 Financial Implications**

51 The costs associated with the ceremony will be met from within the Civic Budget.

### **6.0 Legal Implications**

6.1 Under the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, "a principal council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object, confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the council as past members of that council, but who are not then members of that council".

### **7.0 Risk Management**

7.1 None identified.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

10.1 The Civic Sub-Committee at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 considered the report attached as an Appendix. The Sub-Committee resolved as follows.

That

(1) the Constitution Committee be asked to recommend to Council that

1. the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on the following former Members of the Council:

Mr Ainsley Arnold  
Mr David Cannon  
Mr Ray Westwood  
Mr Andrew Knowles  
Mr Tony Ranfield  
Mr John Goddard

2. the formal ceremony take place at a special meeting of the Council to be held on a day other than the day of an ordinary Council meeting;
3. the ceremonial procedure set out in paragraph 6.6 of the report be approved for the special Council meeting;

(2) the Officers identify a suitable date, time and venue for the special Council meeting in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and report thereon to the Constitution Committee; and

(3) the Communications Officer ascertain whether there are any other events of an appropriate civic nature which could be dealt with at the special Council meeting.

10.2 The Committee is invited to consider the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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