

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2005

HONORARY ALDERMAN

AN OPEN ITEM	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	(Internal Organisational Theme)
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Providing Community Leadership
KEY PRIORITY:	Local Democracy
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor S.J. Clee
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a nomination for the title of Honorary Alderman in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Council at its meeting on 18th April, 2005.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to RECOMMEND to Council

- 2.1 To confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Mr. John William Wardle, MBE, JP, DL, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It falls within the Cabinet's terms of reference, under its non-delegated powers, to consider and make a subsequent recommendation to Council, on nominations to the position of Honorary Alderman.
- 3.2 The Cabinet is requested to consider an application by the Councillor Mrs. Pauline Hayward nominating Mr. John William Wardle, MBE, JP, DL, to the position of Honorary Alderman of the District.

3.3 The Council's Appointment Procedure provides that a person shall be deemed to be eligible for consideration to be nominated to the position of Honorary Alderman if he or she:-

- (i) has rendered a minimum of 20 years service as a Member of Wyre Forest District Council; and
- (ii) has rendered eminent or notable service to the district by serving as a Chairperson of a major Council Committee or holding one or more senior positions on the Council or in any political group.

3.4 A summary of the nominee's record of public service is set out in para 4.2 of this report. The nominee has indicated his willingness to accept nomination for the position of an Honorary Alderman.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 If the Cabinet is so minded to support the nomination, in accordance with the Councils Appointment Procedure, it will be necessary for the Cabinet's recommendation to be submitted for consideration at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council, convened for that purpose.

4.2 Summary details of Nominee:-

Mr. John William Wardle, MBE, JP, DL	
Wyre Forest District Councillor	1983 - 2003
Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council	1991/1992 & 1985/86
Vice Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council	1984 - 1985
Hereford & Worcester County Councillor	1973 - 1998
Chairman, Hereford & Worcester County Council	1993 - 1997
Worcestershire County Councillor	1998 - 2001
Wolverley Parish Councillor	1949 to present
West Mercia Police Authority	1977 - 1995
Justice of the Peace	1955 - 1998
Chairman of the Bench	1992 - 1998
Deputy Lieutenant, Hereford & Worcester	1994
Member of the British Empire	1968

4.3 A more detailed profile will be presented at an Extraordinary Council on Wednesday 14th December 2005 immediately before ordinary Council on the same day.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The financial implications associated with the recommendations would be limited to the cost of a Commemorative Scroll and Badge of Office which can be met out of existing budgets.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Honorary Aldermen are part of the civic structure of a growing number of local authorities. Apart from the appointments being made in recognition of eminent services to the Council, those appointed are available to give support to the Chairman on appropriate civic occasions.

9. CONSULTEES

- 9.1 Party Group Leaders

10. Background Papers

- 10.1 Local Government Act 1972 (Section 249)