

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**CABINET
26TH JUNE, 2008**

HONORARY ALDERMAN

OPEN	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Providing Community Leadership
CORPORATE PLAN KEY PRIORITY:	Local Democracy
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor J.P. Campion
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider nominations 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 John Clive Simmonds 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 Councillor John Paul Campion nominating John Clive Simmonds 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 from 1973 is set out in para 4.2 of this report. The nominee has indicated her 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:-

JOHN CLIVE SIMMONDS	
Wyre Forest District Council (Shadow Authority)	1973
Wyre Forest District Councillor	1974-2008 excepting 2000-2004
Rock Parish Councillor	Over 50 years
Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council	2004-2005
Vice Chairman	-
WFDC Various Committee Chairs & Senior Roles	1973-2008

4.3 A more detailed profile will be presented at an Extraordinary Council on Monday 8th September, 2008 or other suitable date.

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)

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