

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>10 July 2014</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Proposed scheme for the Appointment of Honorary Freemen and Honorary Freewomen of Bath and North East Somerset</b>
<b>WARD:</b>	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None	

## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 This report asks the Council to adopt a scheme for appointing as Honorary Freemen and Freewomen of Bath and North East Somerset, those persons who have been appointed to this honorary office by resolution of full Council, in accordance with Section 248 of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To adopt a scheme.

## **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 3.1 No specific implications to this recommendation.

## **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 No specific statutory considerations. Basis for proposal is Section 248 of Local Government Act 1972.

## **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 The requirement for appointment to this office is to be a person of distinction or a person who has rendered eminent service to the Bath and North east Somerset area.

5.2 The names of persons proposed for this honour shall be presented to Full Council upon the recommendation of the Leader of the Council following consultation with the other Political Group Leaders. A Special Meeting of the Full Council shall be held to consider the Leader's recommendations and confer the title of Honorary Freeman / Honorary Freewomen on the persons so nominated.

5.3 The Chief Executive will convene an ad hoc meeting of a Committee to be known as the Honorary appointments Committee and comprising the political group leaders who will make recommendations in this respect.

5.4 Honorary Freemen and Honorary Freewomen of Bath and North East Somerset shall enjoy the following privileges:

- (1) To have their names inscribed in the Roll of Honorary Freemen and Honorary Freewomen contained in a bound leather book to be held by the Chief Executive.
- (2) To have their names considered for inclusion in the lists of persons to whom invitations are sent for civic receptions and other civic functions or ceremonies hosted by the Chair on behalf of the Council.
- (3) To enjoy whatever other facilities are offered to them as shall be determined by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Political Group Leaders.
- (4) To be entitled to describe themselves on public occasions and in correspondence as an Honorary Freeman or an Honorary Freewoman of Bath and North East Somerset

## 6 CONSULTATION

6.1 Statutory officers and Group Leaders.

## 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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