

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Council – Extraordinary Meeting  
**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
**Report for:** Decision  
**Report of:** Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy

### Report Title

**Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman**

### Summary

This report recommends that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors Mrs Pamela Dixon MBE and Mrs E V Ward

### Recommendation(s)

That, being of the opinion that former Councillor Mrs Pamela Dixon MBE and former Councillor Mrs E V Ward have rendered eminent services as past members of the Council, the Council, under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, hereby confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon former Councillor Mrs Pamela Dixon MBE and former Councillor Mrs E V Ward in recognition of their exceptional service to the Borough of Trafford.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Peter Forrester, Head of Governance  
Extension: 1815

### **Background Papers:**

Letter from Councillor Sean Anstee – dated 30 June 2018

### Background Information

Relationship to Corporate Priorities	None
Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework	None
Financial	There are some minor costs associated with the award arising from the award of medals for the Aldermen. This will be met from the Democratic Services budget.
Legal Implications	The formal decision to confer the status of Honorary Alderman must be made by an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council..
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	None

Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

## Background

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the title of Honorary Alderman may be conferred by the Council on persons who have, in its opinion, rendered eminent service to the Council as past Members of this Council, (or a predecessor Council), but who are no longer Councillors. The title is to be conferred by 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.

Honorary Aldermen are invited to attend Council meetings in a nonparticipating capacity. They do not to receive any allowances or payments under section 173 to 176 of the Local Government Act 1972. Honorary Aldermen are also invited to attend and take part in civic ceremonies such as Civic Sundays and Remembrance Sundays and other appropriate civic events.

Any Member of Council may nominate an ex-Councillor for the role of Honorary Alderman. The appointment of Honorary Alderman is to confer recognition on previous Councillors who, over a period of time, have made a significant contribution to the Council in particular and public service. They should meet the following criteria in that they.

- No longer hold the position of Councillor;
- Must have served for a minimum of 20 years on the Council;
- Must have rendered eminent services during their time on the Council;
- Must have made a significant contribution to the Council and the people it represents; and
- are no longer politically active.

Councillor Sean Anstee has proposed that former Councillors Mrs Dixon and Ward be conferred the status of Honorary Alderman and has submitted the following in support of the nomination:

### **MRS PAMELA DIXON MBE**

Having been elected as a member of Trafford Council in 1990, Mrs. Dixon went on to become Mayor of Trafford from 2004 to 2005. She has previously served as Chairman of Governors at Heyes Lane Primary School, Timperley and remains on the governing body today. While she was Mayor, Mrs. Dixon attended in excess of 300 functions and raised more than £50,000 for the Mayor's Charity Fund. Mrs Dixon did not seek re-election at the end of her term in May 2018.

### **MRS E. V. WARD**

Elected on the 7th May 1992, representing Flixton Ward, Mrs. Ward made a significant contribution to the borough through her extensive involvement with Planning Committee, most recently as Chairman of the committee. Also a former Mayor of Trafford, Mrs. Ward's contribution to the borough is significant and worthy of acclaim.