

Report of the Executive Director

CIVIC EVENT – FREEMAN/ALDERMAN OF THE BOROUGH1. Purpose of report

To seek approval to host a ceremony where the status of Freeman or Alderman is conferred on those who have rendered eminent services to the Borough.

2. Background

It is customary during the final year of an administration to recognise individuals who have contributed significantly to the community by conferring on them the award of Freeman of the Borough and Honorary Alderman. This is in accordance with the Council's values of enabling the active involvement of everyone and providing a strong caring focus on the needs of the community by honouring those who have worked tirelessly for the community. Details of costs are contained in appendix 1 and a timeline of the event is contained in appendix 2.

The Mayor and the Leaders of the three political groups will meet to consider the award and the nominations received for the office of Honorary Freeman and Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Broxtowe.

Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 states that: "The Council of a London Borough or a district having the status of city, borough or royal borough 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, admit to be Honorary Freeman of the city, borough or royal borough persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the city, borough or royal borough."

Further, section 249(1) of the same Act states that: "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 Councillors of the Council."

3. Financial implications

The anticipated costs are shown in appendix 1. This will require appropriate provision in the 2022/23 budget.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the finances be provisionally approved subject to Council's approval of the establishment of a special meeting for the official admittance to the office of Honorary Freeman/Alderman of the Borough, to be held at a date to be confirmed in November 2022.

Background papers: Nil

APPENDIX 1Financial implications**Freeman and Alderman costs**

	£
Silver Badge of Office (up to 8 badges)	2,600.00
Print & photography	350.00
Certificates	250.00
New Honours Board	500.00
Hospitality	800.00
TOTAL	4,500.00

APPENDIX 2Timetable

February 2022	Nominations process approval and schedule committee reports
March 2022	Cross party meeting to discuss and determine who will be selected.
April – October 2022	Preparations (invitations and acceptances of the honour, interviewing for profiles, organising the event etc.)
November 2022	Freeman and Alderman event