

Report of the Executive Director**CIVIC EVENT – FREEMAN/ALDERMAN OF THE BOROUGH****1. Purpose of report**

To request to host a ceremony at which 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 Honorary Freeman of the Borough or Honorary Alderman.

Should Full Council approve the meeting, the Mayor and the Leaders of the three political groups would meet to consider the award and the nominations received for the office of Honorary Freeman or 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 sum of £4,500 was provisionally approved by the Finance and Resources Committee on 10 February 2022 subject to Council approving the establishment of this meeting. Details of costs and a timeline of the proposed event are contained in the appendix.

Recommendation

Council is asked to RESOLVE that the official admittance to the office of Honorary Freeman of the Borough and Honorary Alderman will take place at a special meeting of the Council to be held in November 2022.

Background papers: Nil.

APPENDIX

Financial 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

Timetable

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