



Honorary Alderman

S249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

“A principal council may, by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for purpose of the 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 the Councillors of the Council”.

Following the Borough Council elections a meeting of the Honorary Alderman Panel is convened. The Panel consists of the Leader of the Council; Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Minority Party. The Panel is supported by the Chief Executive and the Principal Democratic Services Officer. The Panel are provided with the details of eminent service of those individuals who have stood down from the Council or who have not been re-elected at the Borough Council elections. The Panel will decide on who from this list the title of Honorary Alderman should be conferred upon. A date of the Extraordinary Council meeting will also be agreed at this meeting. At the Extraordinary Council meeting the newly appointed Honorary Alderman will sign the roll of honour, receive a medal and illuminated scroll and their name will be inscribed on the Honorary Alderman Board at the Town Hall.

Link to website information:

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/council-democracy/honorary-aldermen>

The rights and privileges of Honorary Aldermen are contained in Section 13 of Part 2 (Articles) of the Constitution.

Honorary Freeman of the Borough

S249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

“A relevant authority may admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority—(a) persons of distinction, and (b) persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.”

Nominations are received by the Chief Executive and an Extraordinary meeting of the Council is convened. At the Extraordinary Council meeting the newly appointed Freeman will receive an illuminated scroll and will read out the following:

“I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be subject and obedient to all the good order and customs of this Borough. I will not consent to, or do anything whereby this

Borough or the freedom thereof may be endangered. If I happen to know of any conspiracy or mischief against this Borough I will, with all convenient speed, declare the same to the Mayor and the Chief Executive; and I do further declare that in all things I will conduct myself as a true and loyal freeman ought to do”.

Their name will be inscribed on the Honorary Freeman Board at the Town Hall.