



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY ON THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018** commencing at **6.30pm or later**, following the Annual Council and subsequent Committee meetings, with up to 15 minutes of Public Question Time, immediately followed by the formal business, and you are summoned to attend for the transaction of the following business.

AGENDA

- 1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** **[oral]**
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time

- 2. TO CONFER THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN ON FORMER COUNCILLOR ANDREW NORMAN WRIGHT**

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**J Hill
Chief Executive**

To: All Members of the Council

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"That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item no(s). X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."

TO CONFER THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN ON FORMER COUNCILLOR ANDREW NORMAN WRIGHT

Committee: Extraordinary Council

Date: 24 May 2018

Author: Chief Executive

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Andrew Norman Wright.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are requested to:

- (i) place on record the Council's deep appreciation of the eminent services rendered by former Councillor Andrew Wright to the Council; and
- (ii) in recognition to confer on him the title of Honorary Alderman.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 At the request of the Chairman, the Council is asked to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Andrew Wright.

3.2 Under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council may "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". Despite this legislative provision, East Cambridgeshire District Council has never previously exercised this power.

3.3 An Honorary Alderman would be entitled to attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide, but would have no right (in that capacity) to take part in meetings of the Council or its committees and sub-committees, or to receive any allowances.

3.4 The title can only be conferred upon past members of the Council (or its predecessors) who are not Members on the date of the meeting that appoints them as Aldermen. Such a decision must be made by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at an extraordinary meeting of the Council.

3.5 Former Councillor Wright was elected as the Independent Member for Littleport in 1976 and served until 2015. He was Chairman of the Council from 1988-1990, Leader of the Independent Group until 2011, and served on various committees

during his 39 years as an elected Member. During that time, he held the position of Chairman on 8 different committees.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Former Councillor Andrew Norman Wright served East Cambridgeshire District Council with distinction for 39 years and is considered worthy to be the first ever Honorary Alderman of the Council.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 There are no financial implications or a requirement for an equality impact assessment for this Council at this stage.

Background Documents

Local Government Act 1972

Location

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