

# Merton Council

## Council Special Meeting

### Membership

**The Mayor:** Councillor Mary Curtin

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor Geraldine Stanford

**Councillors:** Agatha Mary Akyigyina OBE, Stephen Alambritis, Mark Allison, Stan Anderson, Laxmi Attawar, Eloise Bailey, Thomas Barlow, Nigel Benbow, Hina Bokhari, Kelly Braund, Mike Brunt, Adam Bush, Omar Bush, Ben Butler, Tobin Byers, Billy Christie, David Chung, Caroline Cooper-Marbiah, Pauline Cowper, Stephen Crowe, David Dean, John Dehaney, Nick Draper, Anthony Fairclough, Edward Foley, Brenda Fraser, Edward Gretton, Joan Henry, Daniel Holden, James Holmes, Andrew Howard, Janice Howard, Natasha Irons, Mark Kenny, Sally Kenny, Linda Kirby, Paul Kohler, Rebecca Lanning, Najeeb Latif, Edith Macauley MBE, Russell Makin, Peter McCabe, Simon McGrath, Nick McLean, Oonagh Moulton, Aidan Mundy, Hayley Ormrod, Dennis Pearce, Owen Pritchard, Carl Quilliam, David Simpson CBE, Marsie Skeete, Peter Southgate, Eleanor Stringer, Dave Ward, Martin Whelton, Dickie Wilkinson and David Williams

**Date:** Thursday 12 July 2018

**Time:** 7.15 pm

**Venue:** Council chamber - Merton Civic Centre, London Road,  
Morden SM4 5DX

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## 12 July 2018

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
- 3 Freedom of the Borough

### HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Council is recommended to agree to present the person named below with a certificate conferring upon them the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough affixed with the common seal of the Council.

The motion to be duly moved and seconded is:

That, by virtue of the power vested in it by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council does admit Philip Jones as Freeman of the London Borough of Merton.

This honour is bestowed on Philip Jones in recognition of the substantial contribution he made to the Borough as a Councillor for the Ravensbury ward in over 39 cumulative years of service, since his election to the Council in 1971, including serving as Deputy Mayor in the municipal year 2007/2008; and his extensive civic service.

In particular, Philip was an active member of the local community, chairing the Morden Community Forum, as well as being a member of the Environment Committee and of the Planning Committee, with 10 years as chair of the latter. He also served as a School Governor for Malmesbury School in his ward and was a Trustee of the Merton and Morden Guild of Social Services, championing the improvement of local health and social care facilities for the residents of Merton and was instrumental in the building of the medical centre on Morden Road. Philip has been a lifelong resident of Morden and a dedicated former employee of the trade union then called NALGO and now known as UNISON.

Note by Chief Executive: Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a resolution conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to be passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon.

#### 4 Honorary Aldermen

Council is recommended to agree to present former Councillors John Bowcott, Andrew Judge, Gilli Lewis-Lavender, Ian Munn and Judy Saunders respectively with a certificate conferring on them the title of Honorary Alderman duly affixed with the common seal of the Council.

The motions to be moved and seconded are:

- 1) 'That former Councillor John Bowcott is conferred with the title of Honorary Alderman of the London Borough of Merton in recognition of his loyal and distinguished service to the Council over many years.'
- 2) 'That former Councillor Andrew Judge is conferred with the title of Honorary Alderman of the London Borough of Merton in recognition of his loyal and distinguished service to the Council over many years.'
- 3) 'That former Councillor Gilli Lewis-Lavender is conferred with the title of Honorary Alderman of the London Borough of Merton in recognition of her loyal and distinguished service to the Council over many years.'
- 4) 'That former Councillor Ian Munn is conferred with the title of Honorary Alderman of the London Borough of Merton in recognition of his loyal and distinguished service to the Council over many years.'
- 5) 'That former Councillor Judy Saunders is conferred with the title of Honorary Alderman of the London Borough of Merton in recognition of her loyal and distinguished service to the Council over many years.'

Note by Chief Executive: Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a resolution conferring the title of Honorary Alderman/woman to be passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon.

#### 5 Vote of Thanks to Former Councillors

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#### **Note on declarations of interest**

Members are advised to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared they should withdraw from the meeting room during the whole of the consideration of that matter and must not participate in any vote on that matter. If members consider they should not participate because of a non-pecuniary interest which may give rise to a perception of bias, they should declare this, withdraw and not participate in consideration of the item. For further advice please speak with the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance.

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## **Committee: Special Council**

**Date: 12 July 2018**

Wards: All

## **Subject: Vote of Thanks to Former Councillors**

Lead officer: Ged Curran, Chief Executive

Lead member: Leader of the Council

Contact officer: Louise Fleming, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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### **Recommendations:**

That, following their retirement from membership of the Council, the Council places on record its sincere appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Borough by the former Councillors listed in the attached Appendix A and extends to them its grateful thanks for their activities on behalf of the Borough.

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### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report asks Council to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring Councillors listed in the Appendix A to this report.

### **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. In the year of election it is customary for the Council to acknowledge the service of councillors not returning following the election. In particular, the Council is asked to record its sincere appreciation of the valuable service rendered to the Borough by the following former Councillors on their retirement from membership of the Council and extends to them its grateful thanks for their activities on behalf of the Borough.

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 3.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **5 TIMETABLE**

- 5.1. This report will be presented to Annual Council on 23 May 2018 for consideration.

### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

**10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

**11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Appendix A – List of retiring councillors.

**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1. None for the purposes of this report.

APPENDIX A

COUNCILLOR	TERM/S OF OFFICE
<p><b>Philip Jones</b></p>	<p>1971 – 1974            1978 – 1982            1986 – 1990            1990 – 1994            1994 – 1998            1998 – 2002            2002 – 2006            2006 – 2010            2010 - 2014            2014 - 2018</p>
<p><b>Ian Munn</b></p>	<p>1994 – 1998            1998 – 2002            2002 – 2006            2006 – 2010            2010 – 2014            2014 - 2018</p>
<p><b>Judy Saunders</b></p>	<p>1994 – 1998            1998 – 2002            2002 – 2006            2006 – 2010            2010 – 2014            2014 - 2018</p>
<p><b>Andrew Judge</b></p>	<p>1995 – 1998            1998 – 2002            2002 – 2006            2006 – 2010            2010 – 2014            2014 - 2018</p>
<p><b>Gilli Lewis-Lavender</b></p>	<p>2000 – 2002            2002 – 2006            2006 – 2010            2010 – 2014</p>

	<b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>John Bowcott</b>	<b>2002 – 2006</b> <b>2006 – 2010</b> <b>2010 – 2014</b> <b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Gregory Udeh</b>	<b>2006 – 2010</b> <b>2010 - 2014</b> <b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Brian Lewis-Lavender</b>	<b>2006 – 2010</b> <b>2010 – 2014</b> <b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Suzanne Grocott</b>	<b>2010 – 2014</b> <b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Jeff Hanna</b>	<b>2010 – 2014</b> <b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Mary Jane Jeanes</b>	<b>2010 – 2014</b> <b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>John Sargeant</b>	<b>2010 – 2014</b> <b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Linda Taylor</b>	<b>2012 – 2014</b> <b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Hamish Badenoch</b>	<b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Michael Bull</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Charlotte Chirico</b>	<b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Fidelis Gadzama</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Ross Garrod</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Abigail Jones</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Abdul Latif</b>	<b>2014 - 2018</b>
<b>Katy Neep</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Jill West</b>	<b>2014 – 2018</b>
<b>Jerome Neil</b>	<b>2016 – 2018</b>