
REPORT TO:	EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 5
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SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN OF THE DISTRICT	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

That the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon former Councillors Kevin John Richards and Trevor Southerd for their eminent service to the District and its Council whilst serving as a Councillors.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To consider the appointment of former Members of the Council, Kevin John Richards and Trevor Southerd as Honorary Alderman of South Derbyshire District Council.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 On 20 January 2024 Council resolved to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to consider the appointment of former Councillors Kevin John Richards and Trevor Southerd as Honorary Alderman of South Derbyshire District Council.
- 3.2 Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Council's Constitution the Council can by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon, confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service to the District and its Council whilst serving as a Councillor.
- 3.3 The title of Honorary Alderman is an honour specifically intended for former Members of the Council who had made an exceptional contribution to the work of the Council and to the community.
- 3.4 Honorary Alderman have the right to attend civic engagements organised by the Council as and when they are organised, although they must not take part in meetings of the Council or any Council Committee. They are not entitled to any allowance or payment arising from such occasions. Should any of those people conferred with the

title become a Councillor again at some point in the future, they may not use their title during their term of office as a Councillor.

- 3.5 Each Council can decide its own criteria or tradition for the appointment of Honorary Alderman.
- 3.6 Former Councillor Kevin Richards was a Member of the Council representing the Ward of Newhall and Stanton for 26 years, from 1997 until his retirement in 2023. His Councillor biography stated that he became involved in local politics to see things improve, to see South Derbyshire and its communities grow and prosper and for all to have the best access to services that local authorities can offer. Mr Richards represented the Council on numerous bodies including the South Derbyshire Partnership for at least 24 years, D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity and recently represented the Council and was activity involved in the formation of the East Midlands Freeport. Mr Richards was Leader of the Council between January 2021 and May 2023. He was Chairman in the municipal year 1999/2000 and he also chaired the Newhall Area Forum. Mr Richards was a Member of each of the Council's Policy Committees during his 26 years, including serving at least 20 years as a Member of the Finance and Management Committee.
- 3.7 Former Councillor Trevour Southerd was a Member of the Council representing the Ward of Church Gresley for 28 years, from 1995 until his retirement in 2023. Mr Southerd represented the Council on numerous bodies including RELATE, Rural Action Derbyshire and the Local Government Association. Mr Southerd was Deputy Leader of the Council between January 2021 and May 2023. Mr Southerd was a Member of each of the Council's Policy Committees during his 28 years, including serving in excess of 20 years on both the Environmental and Development Services Committee and Finance and Management Committee. He was also a Member of the Planning Committee for over 15 years and provided sound guidance to the Committee and its Members.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As detailed in the report to Council dated 20 January 2024

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 None.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Background Papers

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972