

Minutes of General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

Thursday 31st March 2022 at 4.00pm

Present: Councillor Dhallu (Chair)
Councillors Allen, Allcock and Owen.

Also present: Elaine Newsome – Service Manager – Democracy
Matt Powis – Senior Democratic Services Officer and
Connor Robinson – Democratic Services Officer.

24/21 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gavan, Kalari and Kaur.

25/21 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

26/21 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

27/21

Nominations for the Offices of Mayor/Chair of Council and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair of Council of Sandwell for the 2022/23 Municipal Year

The Senior Democratic Services Officer informed the Committee that one nomination had been received for the office of Mayor of Sandwell for 2022/23.

In accordance with the Council's agreed process, the Committee considered the sole nomination for the office of Mayor for the 2022/23 in respect of Councillor Richard Jones.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor would be considered at the Full Council meeting.

Resolved:

- (1) That Council be recommended to elect Councillor Richard Jones to the office of the Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell/Chair of Council for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.
- (2) That nominations for Deputy Mayor would be submitted for consideration directly to Council on 12th April 2022

28/21

Nominations for Honorary Alderman/Alderwomen

The Local Government Act 1972 gave authority to the Council to confer the honour of Honorary Aldermen/Alderwomen of the Borough on Elected Members who had given eminent service to the Borough. This honour was in accordance with the Council's honorary scheme.

A nomination for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderwomen had been received from Councillor Dhallu in respect of former councillor Mrs Linda Horton.

Mrs Horton had represented the Borough of Sandwell for 27 years. In addition, she had been a Cabinet Member for Leisure Services and had served as Mayor of Sandwell for the Municipal Year 2013 – 2014.

The Committee considered her additional contributions to the Borough of Sandwell through her various charitable, community and voluntary activities and concluded that her many contributions fulfilled the eminent service criteria associated with the honour.

Mrs Horton had confirmed that, if the Council was so minded, she would accept the nomination for the honour.

Resolved:

- (1) That Council be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderwomen to Mrs Linda Horton in recognition of her eminent service to the Borough of Sandwell.

Meeting ended at 4:10pm

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