



**COUNCIL (SPECIAL MEETING):  
18 October 2023**

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**Report of: Chief Operating Officer**

**Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Y Gagen**

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**SUBJECT: HONORARY ALDERMAN – MRS MAY BLAKE**

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Wards affected: Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider conferring upon Mrs May Blake, the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of West Lancashire.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That, pursuant to its powers under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer upon Mrs May Blake, the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough, in recognition of the eminent services she has rendered to the Council, during the 28 years in which she was a Member of West Lancashire Borough Council.

## **3.0 TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN**

- 3.1 In accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, "a principal council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon, at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose, confer the title of Honorary Aldermen 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 members of the council".

## **4.0 MRS MAY BLAKE**

- 4.1 May Blake was a Conservative Member of West Lancashire Borough Council for 28 years in the Parbold Ward from May 1995.
- 4.2 The proposed Alderman, Mrs May Blake, will be in attendance at the meeting to accept the Alderman scroll and Council Shield, following approval of the recommendation at 2.1 above.

## **5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

## **6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There will be some financial/resource implications arising from this event in respect of officer and Member time and in the provision of the Council Shield, however these will be met using existing resources.

## **7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

7.1 A resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a specially convened meeting is required to confer an Honorary Alderman.

### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Appendices**

Procedure.