

Criteria for ‘eminent service’ in the appointment of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwomen

Definition of ‘Eminent’ - well-known, renowned, important, distinguished, famous, celebrated, prominent, outstanding, reputed (Thesaurus).

When considering the conferment of the title ‘Honorary Alderman’ or ‘Honorary Alderwoman’ on a past member of the Council who was not a past Mayor, then each of the following four criteria should apply:

Past Councillor:

(A) No longer serving on the Council:

1. Must have made a conscious decision to retire from the position of councillor on the council rather than resign from the position or be defeated at an election.
2. In circumstances of resignation or defeat at an election, 4 years should elapse before consideration for conferment of the honour.

And:

(B) Service on the Council:

1. The nominee should have served more than 12 years on Worthing Borough Council, being at least 3 consecutive election wins for the same ward

And:

(C) Community representative:

1. Should have known record of eminent – special service to the Borough that can be demonstrated by their public service on the Council and by their service to the residents of Worthing through their social role in charity or non-remunerated work in the community or in a special interest role

And:

(D) Either:

1. Held a position on the council in one of the following categories for at least 6 years:
 - a. Leader of the Council
 - b. Cabinet member

c. Chairman of a Committee

d. A group leader

(6 years is chosen as it covers a period of time covering at least two election cycles)

Or:

2. The Council acknowledges that there is likely to be an occasion when a recommendation for this honour does not meet the criteria it has adopted. In these circumstances the nomination should be supported by at least two representatives from two different parties in the Council chamber at the time of the nomination. In making the nomination to the Proper Officer of the Council, a supporting statement from these two representatives showing how the nominee meets the spirit of the four criteria should be presented.