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SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN OF THE DISTRICT	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That former Councillors Kevin John Richards and Trevor Southerd be proposed for the title of Honorary Alderman.
- 1.2 That an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council be called on 23 May 2024, following the meeting of Civic Council of the same date, to consider the conferment of the titles.

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 Under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council may, by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon, at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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 Full 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.

- 3.4 Each Council can decide its own criteria or tradition for the appointment of Honorary Alderman.
- 3.5 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council must be convened to bestow the titles of Honorary Alderman. The resolution to appoint to these positions must be passed by at least 2/3 of the Members present at that meeting. The resolution should recite the grounds upon which the Council have come to their decision.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Honorary Aldermen will be presented with a certificate and a medal. The associated costs can be met from existing budgets.
- 4.2 A reception will be jointly held with the Civic reception following Civic Council. The costs will be met from existing budgets.

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