

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>AWARDING HONORARY TITLES - POLICY STATEMENTS</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	22 June 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the policy statements relating to the criteria upon which the council would seek to award Honorary Freemen/Freewomen titles.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <b>The policy statement and procedure at appendices 1 for nominating honorary freemen/women is agreed and adopted;</b></li> <li>(b) <b>Awards of honorary titles are limited to a maximum of 4 titles held within the county at any one time; and</b></li> <li>(c) <b>The democratic services manager be delegated responsibility to oversee and administer the process of nominations.</b></li> </ul>
Reasons for the Decision:	To approve the policy statements relating to the criteria upon which the council would seek to award Honorary Freemen/Freewomen titles.
Options Considered:	<p><b>Do nothing.</b> This is not recommended. Having transparent agreed criteria mitigates the risk that the award of such titles is viewed as a 'closed shop'.</p> <p><b>Agree different criteria:</b> It is open to cabinet to adopt other criteria. However regard should be had to the legislative basis behind the award of honorary titles and the integrity of the process for considering such awards. The draft criteria proposed are in line with those adopted by other councils.</p>
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	29 June 2017

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON**  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.