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To: County Council –19 May 2016

Subject: Appointment of Honorary Alderman

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## **Introduction**

(1) At its meeting on 30 April 2009, the County Council resolved to utilise the power contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the award of Honorary Alderman to recognise the eminent services of some of its distinguished former Members. There is no statutory definition of “eminent services” but the County Council agreed that the award should only be made to former Members who had served at least 12 years and had rendered eminent services in terms of the individual’s contribution to the activities of the County Council and the well-being of the County of Kent.

(2) It is proposed that Honorary Aldermen should be invited to attend relevant civic and ceremonial events, including the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Chairman’s Civic Reception. The names of those individuals awarded the status of Honorary Alderman will also be included on the wooden honours board in the Council Chamber.

## **Nominations**

(3) The following nomination has been made for this Honorary Award:

Mrs Jeanne Brinton

(4) The appendix to this report sets out some biographical details about Mrs Brinton.

(5) Members are reminded that, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the nominees for Honorary Aldermen have to receive the support of not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon at a special meeting of the County Council convened for the purpose.

## **Recommendation**

The County Council is asked to consider Mrs Jeanne Brinton for the award of Honorary Alderman of Kent County Council, as described.

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## **Nomination for Honorary Alderman**

### **Mrs Jeanne Brinton**

Jeanne Brinton was elected to the County Council in 1981 as the Conservative Member for Medway South and in 1985 as Conservative Member for Ashford North until 1993. She was a Public Relations Consultant with experience in Films, Radio, Television and Travel. She had acted as Secretary to her husband Mr T D Brinton MP. She served on the Governing Bodies of Highworth Grammar School and Towers School in Ashford and Homewood School in Tenterden.

She served on the Education Committees, Policy and Resources Committee, Personnel Group, Standing Sub-Group (Chairman), Environment Planning and Transportation Committee, Highways & Public Transport Sub-Committee, Planning Sub-Committee and the Fire and Public Protection Committee.