



Report to Council

Report of: Chief Executive

Date: 6 June 2018

Subject: Appointment of Honorary Recorder of Sheffield

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Summary:

This report concerns the proposed appointment to the position of Honorary Recorder of Sheffield.

Recommendations:

That the Council formally resolves to appoint His Honour Judge Jeremy William Richardson QC to the position of Honorary Recorder for Sheffield with effect from 6th June 2018 for a period no longer than the duration of the Judge's tenure of the post of Resident Judge at Sheffield Combined Court Centre.

Background Papers:

Letter from the Head of Courts and Tribunals Judicial Appointments dated 3rd May 2018

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial implications
NO
Legal implications
YES - Cleared by Gillian Duckworth
Equality of Opportunity implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities implications
N/A
Human rights implications
N/A
Environmental and Sustainability implications
N/A
Economic impact
N/A
Community safety implications
N/A
Human resources implications
N/A
Property implications
N/A
Area(s) affected
None
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Councillor Julie Dore
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Not applicable
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
Yes
Press release
NO

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report asks Council to consider the appointment of His Honour Judge Jeremy William Richardson QC to the position of Honorary Recorder of the City of Sheffield with effect from 6th June 2018.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the time of local government reorganisation in 1974, Cities and Boroughs exercised, by charter, custom or by statute, powers of appointment of local officers of dignity. Amongst the honorary appointments made are those of Honorary Recorders, which can only be made to an individual who is a Circuit Judge or Recorder appointed under the Courts' Act 1971. The role of Honorary Recorder is a ceremonial position, but it acknowledges the importance of the judiciary in the life of the City.
- 2.2 The City of Sheffield first made an appointment to the position of Honorary Recorder in April 1996, when the Council formally appointed His Honour Judge Michael Walker as Honorary Recorder of the City of Sheffield.
- 2.3 On 5th December 2001, the Council appointed His Honour Judge Alan Goldsack QC as Honorary Recorder in succession to Judge Michael Walker. Judge Goldsack retired from his position in May 2013.
- 2.4 On 4th September 2013, the Council appointed His Honour Judge Julian Nicholas Goose QC as Honorary Recorder in succession to Judge Alan Goldsack. Judge Goose resigned from his position in September 2017 following his appointment to the High Court Bench.

3. Matter for Consideration

- 3.1 The Chief Executive was notified on 3rd May 2018 that the Lord Chief Justice has appointed His Honour Jeremy William Richardson QC as the Senior Circuit Judge, Resident Judge at Sheffield Combined Court Centre with effect from 14th May 2018. He will be known as His Honour Judge Richardson QC and replaces His Honour Judge Goose QC.
- 3.2 The Head of Courts and Tribunals Judicial Appointments has requested that the Council consider offering the Honorary Recordership of Sheffield to His Honour Judge Richardson QC.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The post of Honorary Recorder is established under powers derived from section 54 of the Courts Act 1971 and by sections 245 and 246 of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. **Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. **Recommendations**

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