

**Report of The chief Executive
Report to Full Council**

Date: 11th July 2018

Subject: Appointment of Honorary Recorder

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The Honorary Recorder of Leeds has traditionally been offered to the Senior Circuit Judge (Resident Judge) at Leeds Combined Court Centre.
2. The current Honorary Recorder of Leeds has retired as the Senior Circuit Judge and Council is asked to consider offering the Recordership to his replacement.

Recommendations

1. To invite His Honour Judge Kearsall QC to accept the appointment as Honorary Recorder of Leeds during his tenure as Senior Circuit Judge (Resident Judge) at Leeds Combined Court Centre, in accordance with the Courts Act 1971.
2. To request that the Lord Mayor make appropriate arrangements to mark the appointment.

1. Purpose of this report

- 2.1 To ask the Council to approve the appointment of an Honorary Recorder of Leeds following the retirement of His Honour Judge Collier QC.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Courts Act 1971 empowers the City to appoint an Honorary Recorder for Leeds.
- 3.2 It has been the practice in Leeds to offer the position of Honorary Recorder to the Senior Circuit Judge (Resident Judge) at Leeds Combined Court Centre.
- 3.3 The Lord Chief Justice has appointed His Honour Judge Kearn QC as the Senior Judge (Resident Judge) at Leeds Combined Court Centre with effect from Monday 4th June 2018.
- 3.4 His Honour Judge Kearn QC replaces His Honour Judge Collier QC, who retired as Honorary Recorder of Leeds from the above date.

4. Main issues

- 4.1 Council is requested to consider offering the role of Honorary Recorder of Leeds to His Honour Judge Kearn QC.

5. Corporate considerations

5.1 Consultation and engagement

- 5.1.1 All Group Leaders have been consulted on this matter.

5.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 5.2.1 n/a

5.3 Council policies and best council plan

- 5.3.1 n/a

5.4 Resources and value for money

- 5.4.1 n/a

5.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 5.5.1 The Council has power to appoint a person to the position of Honorary Recorder under the provision of the Courts Act 1971.

5.6 Risk management

- 5.6.1 n/a

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 That Council approve the appointment of an Honorary Recorder of Leeds.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 To invite His Honour Judge Kearsall QC to accept the appointment as Honorary Recorder of Leeds during his tenure as Senior Circuit Judge (Resident Judge) at Leeds Combined Court Centre, in accordance with the Courts Act 1971.
- 7.2 To request that the Lord Mayor make appropriate arrangements to mark the appointment.

8. Background documents¹

- 8.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.