



Report to Council

Report of: Chief Executive

Date: 4 September 2013

Subject: Appointment of Honorary Recorder of Sheffield

Author of Report: Jason Dietsch – Democratic Services
0114 273 4117

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 Julian Nicholas Goose QC to the position of Honorary Recorder for Sheffield with effect from 5th September 2013.

Background Papers:

Letters from the Head of Courts and Tribunals Judicial Appointments dated 22nd May and 1st July 2013

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial implications
NO
Legal implications
YES
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 Julian Nicholas Goose QC to the position of Honorary Recorder of the City of Sheffield with effect from 5th September 2013.

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. 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.

3. Matter for Consideration

- 3.1 The Director of Legal and Governance was notified on 1st July 2013 that the Lord Chancellor has appointed Julian Nicholas Goose QC as the Senior Circuit Judge, Resident Judge at Sheffield Combined Court Centre with effect from 2nd July 2013. He will be known as His Honour Judge Goose QC and replaces His Honour Judge Goldsack QC.
- 3.2 The Head of Courts and Tribunals Judicial Appointments has agreed that the Council consider offering the Honorary Recordership of Sheffield to His Honour Judge Goose 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**

- 6.1 That the Council formally resolves to appoint His Honour Judge Julian Nicholas Goose QC to the position of Honorary Recorder for Sheffield with effect from 5th September 2013.

Chief Executive