

Appendix 1

Nomination for Honorary Alderman/ Honorary Freeman

NOMINEE

Please clearly print the following details about the person you are nominating. You must ensure that all sections of this form are completed.

I nominate the following person for Honorary Alderman

Title	Mr *Delete as appropriate
Name	Alan John Dillon AKA John Dillon
Please state which award, Honorary Alderman or Honorary Freeman	Honorary Alderman

DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION

Name	Councillor Dave Murphy
Email Address	dave.murphy@oldham.gov.uk
Date of Nomination	08 March 2021

The Recommendation

Please tell us how your nominee has made a significant contribution to the people and community of Oldham for which you consider that the nominee should receive the honour.

Please describe the benefits resulting from the nominee's service to a particular field, area, group or community. It is important that you give as much detail as possible about what your nominee has achieved;

- Have changed things, with an emphasis on practical achievement
- Have demonstrated innovation and entrepreneurship
- Examples of voluntary service
- What has their impact been and how wide is their influence
- Have delivered in a way that has brought distinction to the borough

- What makes the nominee and their contribution stand out from others

John was one of the longest serving members in the Chamber with 29 years of service to his credit.

He contested Crompton Ward unsuccessfully for three years – in 1982, 1983 and 1984 – before being elected on his fourth attempt in 1986 with a majority of 134, becoming Oldham's first SDP Councillor.

John served as the Mayor of the Borough in 2000.

Members will be aware of John's abiding passion for transport issues so I am sure he found it gratifying to find himself opening Cheapside Bus Station and being invited to the opening ceremony of the M60 motorway through the Borough from Denton to Heaton Park.

I know given half a chance he would have also relished opening Metrolink, but regrettably that came 12 years later.

As Mayor, John also had the honour of welcoming Her Royal Highness Princess Anne to the Borough, but unfortunately Her Highness had to take a long detour from the airport as the planned route did not take into account the newly opened motorway.

In opposition, John has also served as Shadow Cabinet member for the Environment between 2003 and 2005, and also 15 years' service on the Planning Committee.

I know that John is very proud of his eight years' service representing Oldham Borough on first the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority and then Transport for Greater Manchester.

He joined this Body in 2000, became the Oldham Council spokesperson in 2008, and also served as Vice Chair of the Rail and Metrolink sub-committee. One of his great achievements was in helping to bring Metrolink to the Borough of Oldham.

John is also passionate about the place and the people of Shaw and Crompton.

John became a member of the inaugural Shaw and Crompton Parish Council in 1987 and became its Chairman in 1990, hosting a series of events to mark 125 years of local

government in Shaw and Crompton. He served on the Parish Council until 2003.

He has previously served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Partnership and became Chair of Shaw and Crompton District Partnership in 2012.