

## ASSEMBLY

20 May 2015

<b>Title:</b> Death of Honorary Alderman John Davis	
<b>Report of the Chief Executive</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Accountable Director:</b> Chris Naylor, Chief Executive	
<b>Summary:</b> <p>The Assembly is asked to note with deep regret that former Councillor, Freeman and Alderman of the Borough, John Davis, passed away on 18 March 2015 following a long illness. Mr Davis' funeral took place at South Essex Crematorium on 31 March 2015.</p> <p>Mr Davis had lived in the Borough for over 50 years and worked at Ford Motor Company in Dagenham for 35½ years before retiring in 1992. He was first elected to the Council in 1970 to represent Triptons ward, a role that he fulfilled until 2002 when the ward was dissolved following a Boundary Commission review. Mr Davis remained as a councillor, representing Alibon ward from 2002 until he retired as a councillor in May 2014.</p> <p>Mr Davis served on numerous committees and other bodies during his 44 years on the Council and held the position of Chair or Deputy Chair on many of them. He was elected by his peers as Mayor of Barking and Dagenham for the 1982/83 municipal year and served as Deputy Mayor in 1983/84 and again in 2010/11. He was awarded the Freedom of the Borough in 1992 and subsequently was bestowed the highest award that a Borough can give by becoming an Honorary Alderman in February 2014.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b> <p>The Assembly is asked to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.</p>	