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Three former councillors will be awarded the status of Honorary Alderman at a presentation at Peterborough Town Hall on Wednesday 27 March 2019.

John Peach, Keith Sharp and Nazim Khan will each receive the honour from city council chief executive Gillian Beasley and chair of the council's Honours Panel, councillor Peter Hiller.

To be considered for the honour a person should have been re-elected for at least three terms and served a minimum of 11 years service.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

When: Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7pm.

Where: Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough,

What: Former councillors John Peach, Keith Sharp and Nazim Khan will receive the honour from city council chief executive Gillian Beasley and chair of the council's Honours Panel, councillor Peter Hiller.

Keith Sharp served as a councillor for Central ward from 1978 until 1982, North ward from 2000 until 2016 and Dogsthorpe ward from 2016 to 2018. He served on many committees including Audit, Appeals, Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Planning Review. He also served as Mayor of Peterborough in 2010/11 and Deputy Mayor in 2016/17.

Nazim Khan served as a councillor for Central ward from 1996 until 2002 and again from 2008 to 2016 and finally in North ward from 2016 to 2018. He supported many committees during his term of office including Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel, Licensing, Employment, Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital, Health Scrutiny and Planning Review committees. Additionally, he held the position of Leader of the Labour Group, Deputy Mayor in 2015/16 and served as a school governor at Gladstone Primary School.

John Peach served as a councillor for Park ward from 1997 to 2018. In addition to undertaking the role of Mayor of Peterborough in 2015/16, he served on numerous committees including Appeals, Children & Education Scrutiny, Corporate Parenting, Licensing and Sustainable Growth. He was also Leader of the Council.

Councillor Peter Hiller said: "These gentlemen dedicated a huge amount of time to the council and the community and I think it is fitting for us to recommend that they receive one of the highest honours we can bestow on a former councillor.

"Each was a member of many committees as well as representing the interests of the residents of their ward. I believe this award goes some way to recognising the many years of public service they have given to our city."

Honorary Aldermen may attend and take part in civic ceremonies. They have no other formal role and are not entitled to receive any allowances or other payment of expenses.