

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**31 MARCH 2015****REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS
ON BEHALF OF AWARD OF MERIT TASK GROUP****AWARD OF MERIT SCHEME : AWARDEES 2014/15****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Following a publicity campaign to receive nominations for the Award of Merit Scheme, the Task Group met on 18 March 2015 to consider nominations received. This report presents the Task Group's recommendations.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Task Group Protocol the report is presented on behalf of the Award of Merit Task Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **To approve the list of proposed awardees as listed in the exempt Appendix A.**
- 2.2 **To note that presentations will be made by the Mayor to the awardees at a specially arrangement ceremony on 22 April 2015.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 At its meeting on 18 March 2015, the Task group considered nominations for the Award of Merit Scheme.
- 3.2 Nominations were received as follows :-
- 6 for the Award of Merit
 - 3 for the Melton Borough Award
 - 1 for the Young Citizen Award
- 3.3 The following number and category of awards are put forward to the Committee for approval and the detail is set out in the exempt Appendix A :-
- 4 for the Award of Merit
 - 1 for the Melton Borough Award
 - 1 for the Young Citizen Award (from 1 nomination)
 - The 'Robert Hyslop Citizen of the Year Award' be awarded to the most outstanding of the Award of Merit nominations;
 - The Derek Sanders Cup to the outstanding Young Citizen nomination.
- 3.4 Subject to the Committee's approval, these awards will be presented at a specially arranged ceremony to be held on 22 April 2015 before the Full Council meeting and this will include a Mayoral reception for the awardees, their nominators and all Councillors.

- 3.5 Following the formal presentations, the awardees will be added to the Council's public record of awardees on the website.
- 4.0 **POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**
- 4.1 The scheme is in line with the government's Big Society initiative. To recognise outstanding service to the community in individuals and groups encourages others to become involved in supporting community and voluntary activities.
- 4.2 The scheme gives a positive message that the Council wishes to publicly recognise those that do good work in the Borough.
- 5.0 **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**
- 5.1 Any financial and staffing implications will be met from existing resources.
- 6.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**
- 6.1 There are no legal implications.
- 7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**
- 7.1 Nominations could be received in recognition of Community Safety initiatives.
- 8.0 **EQUALITIES**
- 8.1 An equality impact assessment has been completed.
- 9.0 **RISKS**
- 9.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.
- 10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**
- 10.1 Nominations are able to be received electronically in recognition of energy saving and green initiatives. The record of previous Awardees is available electronically on the Council's website.
- 11.0 **CONSULTATION**
- 11.1 The scheme has been made publicly accessible since its introduction and there has been consultation on the scheme with the Mayor and the Task Group Members since the start of the scheme in 1988/89.
- 12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**
- 12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices : Exempt Appendix A – Proposed Awardees
Background Papers: Full Council Minutes – April/May each year 1988 to 2012
PFA Committee - April 2006
PFA Committee - December 2010

Governance Committee - June 2012
Governance Committee – January 2013
Task Group Minutes

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