

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

27 MARCH 2018

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF AWARD OF MERIT TASK GROUP

AWARD OF MERIT SCHEME : AWARDEES 2017/18

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Following a publicity campaign to receive nominations for the Mayor's Award of Merit Scheme, the Task Group met on 12 March 2018 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 the meeting of the Full Council on Wednesday 25 April 2018.**
- 2.3 **That the Mayor's Awards continue as a separately promoted event by the Mayor (para 4.2 refers).**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 At its meeting on 12 March 2018, the Task group considered nominations for the Award of Merit Scheme.
- 3.2 Nominations were received as follows :-
 - 10 for the Award of Merit
 - 9 for the Melton Borough Award
 - 5 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 :-
 - 3 for the Award of Merit
 - 1 for the Melton Borough Award
 - 5 for the Young Citizen Award
 - 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 the Full Council on 25 April 2018. Prior to the meeting, there will be 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.

3.6 **MERGING THE MAYOR'S AWARDS WITH THE MELTON TIMES COMMUNITY AWARDS**

3.7 At its meeting on 6 June 2017, the Governance Committee discussed the possibility of the Task Group merging the Mayor's Awards with the Melton Times Community Awards and suggested that the Task Group discuss this option in more detail.

3.8 At its meeting on 12 March, the Task Group reconsidered this option and were of the opinion that due to the civic prestige of the Mayor's Awards and having regard to the number of nominations received, the Mayor's Awards remain as a separately promoted event by the Mayor.

4.0 **POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 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 contribute voluntarily to the life of 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 may 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. This year the majority of nominations were received

electronically. 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 2017
Governance Committee – 6 June 2017
Task Group Minutes

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