

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 7 September 2015

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Citizen of Honour Award Scheme – Special Achievement Category
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

To consider the proposal of presenting a Special Achievement award, under the Citizen of Honour scheme, to Isaac Waddington after reaching the final of Britain's Got Talent.

Executive summary:

The Executive has previously agreed arrangements for a Special Achievement Category, under the Citizen of Honour Award Scheme, to recognise and celebrate special achievements of residents within the Borough. Isaac Waddington is a Fareham resident and recently reached the 2015 finals of Britain's Got Talent. Isaac succeeded in finishing fifth at the finals and has subsequently been signed by television producer and music talent scout Simon Cowell. It is proposed that a Special Achievement award be presented to Isaac in recognition of his musical achievements.

Recommendation:

That Isaac Waddington is presented with a Citizen of Honour Special Achievement Award in recognition for his musical achievements and in reaching the final of the television programme Britain's Got Talent.

Reason:

To recognise the special achievement made by reaching the final of Britain's Got Talent.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of the award will be met from existing resources for Civic events.

Appendices: None

Reference papers:

Citizen of Honour Award Scheme – Special Achievement
Category – Executive report 9 March 2009

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Subject: Citizen of Honour Award Scheme – Special Achievement Category

Briefing by: Director of Finance and Resources

Portfolio: Policy and Resources

INTRODUCTION

1. In March 2009 the Executive agreed arrangements for a Special Achievement Category, under the Citizen of Honour Award Scheme, to recognise and celebrate special achievements. Unlike the normal Citizen of Honour Awards nominations can be put forward at any time.
2. This report seeks approval for a Special Achievement award to a local resident, in recognition of their talents and achievements at a national level.

BACKGROUND

3. Isaac Waddington is a Fareham resident and recently reached the 2015 finals of the television programme Britain's Got Talent as a singer/songwriter. Isaac succeeded in finishing fifth in the national competition, and has subsequently been signed by Simon Cowell's label, Syco. Such an achievement is significant, but at the age of 15, Isaac is really in the very early stages of his career.
4. It is proposed that a Special Achievement award be presented to Isaac in recognition of his achievements within the field of music. As per the award scheme, Isaac would be presented with a Citizen of Honour medal and certificate, by the Mayor, at an event in the Mayor's Parlour, as soon as possible. He would also be presented with a special achievement award at the 2016 Mayor Making event. As a Citizen of Honour, Isaac would be invited to attend the usual events throughout the year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no significant financial implications associated with this award. As per the scheme, agreed by the Executive, any costs will be covered by the existing Civic events budget.

PROPOSAL

6. That Isaac Waddington is presented with a Citizen of Honour Special Achievement Award in recognition for reaching the 2015 national final of the television programme Britain's Got Talent.

CONCLUSION

7. The Executive agreed arrangements for a Special Achievement Category, as part of the Citizen of Honour Award Scheme, to allow exceptional achievements to be recognised outside of the usual Citizen of Honour Scheme. Reaching the final of a national competition, particularly one as prominent as Britain's Got Talent, is proposed to be such an achievement that should be recognised with a Special Achievement Award.

Reference Papers: None