

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive for Decision 09 July 2018

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Citizen of Honour Award Scheme – Special Group Achievement Category</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities

#### **Purpose:**

This report seeks approval to introduce a Special Group Achievement Category to the Citizen of Honour award scheme that will recognise outstanding contributions to improving the lives of residents made by community groups and charitable organisations. It then proposes that One Community become the first recipient of the award.

#### **Executive summary:**

The Citizen of Honour award scheme was introduced in 1996 to recognise notable voluntary and unpaid service provided to the community by Borough residents.

It was first modified in 2001 to include young citizens who had acted bravely, undertook regular selfless acts or were adapting to a disability.

The special achievement category was then introduced in 2009 to recognise residents who had made a notable and significant achievement in their field.

It is proposed that a new category, called the Special Group Achievement award be introduced. This would be an occasional award presented to community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding contributions to people living in the Borough.

It is suggested that One Community be made the first recipient of the new award, in recognition of its outstanding contribution to local community and voluntary groups and organisations in the Borough.

**Recommendation/Recommended Option:**

It is recommended that the Executive approves:

- (a) the creation of the Special Group Achievement Award to recognise community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding contributions to the lives of residents;
- (b) the proposed arrangements for deciding and granting the Special Group Achievement Award, as set out in the report from paragraph 5; and
- (c) that the first Special Group Achievement Award be presented to One Community.

**Reason:**

To recognise the contribution made to the lives of residents by outstanding community groups, voluntary organisations and charities operating in the Borough.

**Cost of proposals:**

The cost of this proposal is to be met from existing resources for civic events.

**Appendices:** None

**Background papers:** None

**Reference papers:** None

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### Executive Briefing Paper

<b>Date:</b>	09 July 2018
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<b>Briefing by:</b>	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This report seeks approval to extend the Special Achievement Category of the Citizen of Honour award scheme to include groups and charitable organisations. It then proposes that One Community become the first recipient of the award.

#### BACKGROUND

2. The Citizen of Honour award scheme was introduced in 1996 to recognise some of the notable voluntary and unpaid service provided to the community by borough residents.
3. In 2001 the scheme was modified to recognise young citizens who had carried out an outstanding act of bravery or who undertook a regular selfless act for others, or who were overcoming and learning to adapt to a registered disability.
4. The scheme was extended in 2009 with the creation of a Special Achievement category. This occasional award recognises residents who have made a notable and significant achievement in their particular field. For example, Dee Caffari was presented with the award in recognition of being the first female sailor to sail in both directions around the world.

#### SPECIAL GROUP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROPOSAL

5. It is proposed that the scheme is extended further to allow occasional awards to be made to community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding contributions to people living in the Borough.
6. It would be for the Executive to determine how and when the awards are made. It is suggested the following arrangements would be appropriate in respect of this award:

#### Nominations

7. Nominations to be:-

- submitted by Members of the Council only.
- put forward at any time of the year, as appropriate to the achievement to be recognised.
- submitted to the Executive together with such information as is available to support the making of the award.

### **Criteria**

8. Recipients to be community groups or voluntary organisations that are either based in Fareham or conduct a significant amount of their work here.
9. Recipients to have made an outstanding contribution to the lives of residents in the Borough.

### **The Award**

10. To be a Special Group Achievement engraved shield and certificate.
11. To be awarded by the Mayor.

### **One Community**

12. One Community has been operating in Fareham since 2015, when it was awarded a contract by the Council to provide support to community and voluntary sector organisations. It provides advice on governance, offers funding support, volunteer placement, volunteer support and training to any community or voluntary group or organisation in Fareham.
13. Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, One Community has recently been awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. If the new Special Group Achievement category is approved it is proposed that One Community be presented with the award by the Council. This is in recognition of the outstanding contribution it has made in support of local community and voluntary groups and organisations in the Borough.

### **CONCLUSION**

14. The proposed Special Group Achievement category of the Citizen of Honour award will allow occasional awards to be made to community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding contributions to people living in the Borough.
15. One Community is proposed as the first recipient of the award, in recognition of its outstanding contribution to local community and voluntary groups and organisations in the Borough.

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