

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive for Decision 16 December 2019

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Policy and Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of Citizen of Honour Award Scheme</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Democratic Services
<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities

**Purpose:**

This report provides an opportunity to review the process for selecting Citizens of Honour from the nominated lists and considers a motion proposed by Councillor R H Price JP at Council on 25 July 2019 regarding the selection of nominees for the Council's annual Citizen and Young Citizen of Honour Awards from 2020.

**Executive summary:**

The Citizen of Honour Award was introduced in November 1996. Five years later, the scheme was extended to recognise the efforts of younger residents under the age of 18 through the Young Citizen of Honour Award.

Over the last 23 years, the award has honoured 105 residents of the Borough, with nominations being received from all areas of Fareham.

**Recommendation/Recommended Option:**

It is recommended that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to limit the award to one Citizen of Honour and one Young Citizen of Honour for the years 2020 and 2021; and
- (b) considers the motion presented to Council to change the method of selecting the Citizens of Honour and Young Citizens of Honour to ensure that:  
"all Members of the Council should have one vote in the adult category and one vote in the under 18 category and that there will be no more than two people selected in each category."

**Reason:**

This provides an opportunity for the Council to review the Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen of Honour Awards.

**Cost of proposals:**

All costs will be met through existing resources attached to this initiative.

**Appendices:               None**

**Background papers:   None**

**Reference papers:       Minutes of Council Meeting 25 July 2019**

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### Executive Briefing Paper

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<b>Briefing by:</b>	Head of Democratic Services
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#### INTRODUCTION

1. A Motion was proposed by Councillor R H Price JP at Council on 25 July 2019 as follows:-

“The Citizen of Honour Awards are very worthy of the Council and as they are in the Council’s name all members and not just the Executive should be involved in making the decision as to whom should be awarded the Honour. Therefore, I propose from the 2020 Awards all nominees and relevant information should be circulated to all members of the Council and each member of the Council to have one vote to enable them to vote for the person they believe should be awarded the Honour and the Honour should be limited to two in the adult section and one in each of the young person sections.”

2. The Mayor advised that the motion would be referred to the Executive for consideration.
3. The current award scheme recommends that no more than four candidates are selected from the adult nominations and that no more than four candidates are selected from the nominations of under 18s, however, for the municipal year 2019/20, there were 6 adult Citizens of Honour and 4 Young Citizens of Honour.

#### MAYOR MAKING 2020 AND 2021

4. As the Annual Council meeting will be held in a smaller venue in 2020 and 2021 due to the temporary closure of Ferneham Hall, this report gives Members a timely opportunity to review the Citizen of Honour programme.
5. Preparations are underway to hold the 2020 Annual Council meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony in the Waypoint Church (formerly Locks Heath Free Church) in Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common. This venue is a new extension to the original church and was considered the best alternative to the current venue, Ferneham Hall.
6. As was previously announced by the Executive Leader, the change of venue necessitates changes to the normal format; one identified change is the number of invited guests overall needs to be reduced in order to be accommodated in the smaller venue.

7. As well as reducing numbers for the next 2 years' Mayor Making Ceremony, limiting the number of Citizens of Honour awarded in the future will protect the integrity and prestige of the award.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. A limit on the number of Citizen of Honour awards being presented each year will enable a small reduction in the costs associated with holding the Annual Council meeting.

### **PROPOSAL**

9. In order to meet the reduced number of guests who can be accommodated at Waypoint Church in May 2020, and to consider the motion referred by Council, it is recommended that the Executive:
  - (a) agrees to limit the award to one Citizen of Honour and one Young Citizen of Honour for the years 2020 and 2021; and
  - (b) considers the motion presented to Council to change the method of selecting the Citizens of Honour and Young Citizens of Honour to ensure that:  
"all Members of the Council should have one vote in the adult category and one vote in the under 18 category and that there will be no more than two people selected in each category."

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

10. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

### **CONCLUSION**

11. Consideration should be given to limiting the number of Citizens of Honour awards given for each category and on the motion proposed by Councillor Price to amend the process for selecting the nominees.

### **Enquiries:**

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