

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Recognition of Service to the Community and the Council

PURPOSE

1. To identify appropriate ways for the Council to recognise service to the Community and the Council and set up arrangements for awards

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council adopts the Recognition Scheme attached and includes it in the Council Constitution under "Protocols".

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To have clear arrangements in place for the council to recognise service to the Community and the Council as part of good civic practice.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The Council has made awards from time to time to recognise the contribution that individuals or organisations have made to their community or to the Council. There has not been a review of those arrangements for some time or standing systems put in place to consider whether awards should be made.
5. Attached is a list of awards that the Council could make and a proposal for a more systematic consideration of whether to make those awards. The Member Structures Working Group has considered the proposals and is recommending the Council to accept them. The Group intends to develop a more detailed framework for dealing with any nominations including appropriate criteria, protocols and publicity arrangements. Members are asked to agree the recommendation of the Member Structures Working Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

6. Conferring some honours such as Honorary Freedomships can have significant cost implications. There is no provision in the budget to cover these costs and it would be necessary to manage the costs within the existing budget arrangements. Other awards should involve more modest costs which should be able to be accommodated within the existing budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7. These awards should contribute to the development of civic pride. They sit alongside schemes such as the Better Burnley awards promoted by Burnley Action Partnership.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

8. Member Structures Officer Group and Member Group

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. None other than published information

FURTHER INFORMATION

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