

Council – 4 September 2018

**Recommendation from the
Cabinet Member for Policing and
Equalities
13 August 2018**

**Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities
held at 4.00 pm on Monday, 13 August 2018**

Present:

Members: Councillor A Khan (Cabinet Member)
Councillor P Akhtar (Deputy Cabinet Member)

Employees:

J Barlow, Place Directorate
G Carter, Place Directorate
L Knight, Place Directorate

RECOMMENDATION

11. The Coventry Award of Merit

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which provided advice from the recent meeting of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities Advisory Panel – Coventry Award of Merit to support the nomination of Mr R Stanton to receive the Coventry Award of Merit following the key role that he played in the rescue of 12 boys and their football coach from the Tham Luang caves in Thailand.

The report indicated that the Coventry Award of Merit was established by the City Council in the 1960s as a means of acknowledging and honouring personal behaviour reflecting the highest ideals of citizenship or outstanding performance in any field of human endeavour which enhances the good name of Coventry and affords inspiration to its citizens.

The Advisory Panel met on 30th July, 2018 to advise the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities following the receipt of a nomination for Mr R Stanton and unanimously supported the granting of the award. Rick Stanton was nominated following his internationally publicised key role in the rescue of 12 boys and their football coach from the Tham Luang caves in Thailand. The group had been trapped for 9 days before being found by Rick and his diving partner John Volanthen. It had been reported to be the most challenging underground rescue in history. Mr Stanton had previously been involved in other rescue missions, as well

as being a firefighter with West Midlands Fire Service for 25 years. A copy of the nomination form was set out at an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED that, having considered the advice from the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities Advisory Panel – Coventry Award of Merit held on 30th July, 2018, the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities recommends the City Council grants the Coventry Award of Merit to Mr R Stanton.