
A separate report is submitted in the private part of the agenda in respect of this item as it contains details of individuals required to be kept private in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The grounds for privacy are that it contains information relating to individuals. The Recommendations to Council on 16 October will be in public, detailing the nominees for the Awards.

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities
Councillor A Khan
Council

8 October, 2018

16 October, 2018

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive, Place

Ward(s) affected: None

Title:

The Coventry Award of Merit

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

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 grant of the Award of Merit is made by full Council on the recommendation of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, who is advised by a panel established for the purpose. Nominations can be received from any organisation or individual. A number of nominations have been received by the City Council for the Coventry Award of Merit from a variety of sources. The nominations were considered by the all-party Advisory Panel at its meeting on 25 September, 2018, the membership of which includes the Honorary Recorder and the Lord Mayor.

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is requested to consider the nominations in light of the advice of the Coventry Award of Merit Advisory Panel. A corresponding private report details the nominations recommended for approval by the Advisory Panel. The recommendations that are submitted to the Council Meeting will be in public detailing the nominees for the Award.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is recommended to:

Consider the advice from the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities Coventry Award of Merit Advisory Panel held on 25 September, 2018 and make recommendations to Council accordingly.

Council is recommended to:

Approve the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities and grant the Coventry Award of Merit to the recipients recommended by the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities.

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

Yes - Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities (Coventry Award of Merit) Advisory Panel – 25 September, 2018

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 16 October, 2018

Report title:

The Coventry Award of Merit

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Any person, company or other organisation shall be eligible for consideration for the Coventry Award of Merit who has:-
 - Rendered outstanding service to the City of Coventry in service to the local community.
 - By outstanding personal effort in the field of sport, industry, government or the arts, brought particular renown to the City of Coventry.
 - Made an outstanding contribution to the national life or in international affairs in any field of human activity in a manner which has brought credit upon the City of Coventry.
 - By personal example of courage or devotion to duty and service to others, demonstrated the highest ideals of citizenship.
- 1.3 The Award has previously taken the form of a citation under the common seal together with a presentation of a gold medallion pendant from a ribbon in the City's colours. The motif on the medallion is the phoenix, symbolising the resurgence of Coventry from the flames of the Blitz.
- 1.4 The Advisory Panel is made up of the following members:
 - Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, Councillor A Khan (Chair)
 - Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, Councillor J Mutton
 - Shadow Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, Councillor A Andrews
 - Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Councillor T Khan, (or his representative)
 - The Lord Mayor, ex officio, Councillor J Blundell
 - The Council's Honorary Recorder, His Honour Judge A Lockhart QC
- 1.5 The Advisory Panel met on 25 September, 2018 to advise the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities on possible recipients of the Award.
- 1.6 The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities will consider the advice from the Panel and make recommendations to Council for approval at the Council meeting on 16 October, 2018.

- 1.7 The Panel noted that where the Cabinet Member was minded to accept its advice that he would have to consult the proposed recipient of the Award prior to presenting proposals for approval to full Council on 16 October, 2018. It was recommended that pending such consultation that the nominations should remain confidential.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 Cabinet Member is recommended to endorse the view that confidentiality should be maintained pending reporting to the full Council meeting.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member consulted the Advisory Panel on 25 September, 2018 and will consider its advice in making his recommendations to Council.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities will consider recommendations from the Coventry Award of Merit Advisory Panel and will then make recommendations regarding recipients to the City Council for approval at their meeting on 16 October, 2018.
- 4.2 Following the decision of Council on 16 October, 2018 suitable arrangements will be made for an Awards Ceremony should the Council approve recipients of the Awards.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

- 5.1 Financial implications
As in previous years the costs associated with the Ceremony and the Awards will be met from within the existing budget of the Lord Mayor's Hospitality Budget.
- 5.2 Legal implications
There are no legal implications associated with this decision.

6. Other implications

None

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / LAA (or Coventry SCS)?

One of the Council's key priorities is to develop a strong sense of civic pride across the city. These awards give recognition to individuals or organisations that have rendered outstanding service to the city and promote civic pride.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None identified.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

These Awards enhance and promote the reputation of the Council and the City of Coventry

6.4 Equalities / EIA

There are no EIA implications

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None.

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None.

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