

**Council – 16 October, 2018  
Item 11  
Recommendation from Cabinet  
Member for Policing and  
Equalities - 8 October, 2018**

**Coventry City Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities  
held at 3.30 pm on Monday, 8 October 2018**

Present:

Members: Councillor A S Khan (Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Bennett, J Newman

Apology: Councillor P Akhtar (Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**17. The Coventry Award of Merit**

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities considered a public and private report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which 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 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 an Advisory Panel established for the purpose. Nominations can be received from any organisation or individual and any person, company or organisation are eligible for consideration for the Award of Merit who has:-

1. Rendered outstanding service to the City of Coventry in service to the local community.
2. By outstanding personal effort in the field of sport, industry, government or the arts, brought particular renown to the City of Coventry.
3. 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.
4. By personal example of courage or devotion to duty and service to others, demonstrated the highest ideals of citizenship.

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.

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 corresponding private report detailed the advice of the Advisory Panel in relation to the proposed recipients of the Award. The Advisory Panel had also recommended that, where the Cabinet Member was minded to accept its advice that he would have to consult the proposed recipients prior to presenting proposals for approval to Council on 16 October, 2018 and therefore pending such consultation the nominations should remain confidential.

**RESOLVED that, having considered the advice from the Coventry Award of Merit Advisory Panel and having consulted with the proposed recipients, the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities recommends that the City Council grants the Coventry Award of Merit to:-**

- 1. Jane Frankish, Headteacher, Broad Heath Community Primary School**
- 2. Kerry Blakeman, former Chief Inspector of Police**
- 3. Roger Medwell DL, former Chairman and CEO of NP Aerospace, former Chair and current Vice Chair of Coventry Godiva Harriers and Chair of Culture Coventry**
- 4. Councillor George Duggins, Leader, Coventry City Council**

(Meeting closed at 3.45 pm)