

Council - 3rd December 2013
**Recommendation from Cabinet
Member (Community Safety and
Equalities) 3rd October 2013**

**Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) held
at 2.00 pm. on 3rd October, 2013**

Present:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Townshend

Other Members: Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Welsh

Employees (by Directorate):

People: C. Hickin, S. Roach, M. Watson

Resources: J. Barlow, H. Lynch, H. Peacocke, M. Salmon

Apologies: Councillor Andrews (Shadow Cabinet Member)

RECOMMENDATION

Public business

30. The Coventry Award of Merit

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, Resources, that sought consideration of advice from the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) - Coventry Award of Merit Advisory Panel who met on 2nd October 2013 to consider proposals for the Coventry Awards of Merit in 2014 (their minute 03/13 refers).

The Cabinet Member agreed that:

- (1) The Award of Merit should be made to the recipients proposed by the Advisory Panel.
- (2) The awards should be made on 17th January 2014.
- (3) The awards and the presentation ceremony would be funded from the Lord Mayor's hospitality budget.
- (4) The presentation ceremony should be held on a Friday evening in St. Mary's Guildhall.
- (5) The guest list, the medals and other details of the ceremony could be based on the 2011 format.
- (6) After consulting the proposed recipients, the Cabinet Member would make recommendations to the Council meeting on 3rd December 2013 that the

Council approves the nominations made by him and grants the Coventry Award of Merit to the recipients.

- (7) He would consult the Lord Mayor and submit financial proposals associated with the Ceremony and the Awards to the City Council at its meeting on 3rd December 2013.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member recommends that Council approves the nominations made by him and grants the Coventry Award of Merit to the recipients.

Note: It was subsequently recommended that the Coventry Award of Merit be made to the following:

Right Honourable Bob Ainsworth MP

For outstanding public service to the City of Coventry and its citizens as former Deputy Leader of Coventry City Council from 1989 to 1992, as Member of Parliament for Coventry North East for 22 years and as a Minister of the Crown for 13 years in Her Majesty's Government serving as Secretary of State for Defence.

Professor Madeleine Atkins MBE DL

For outstanding achievement in academic life, and her contribution to the development of Coventry University during her years as Vice Chancellor including enhancing the University's reputation as a place of national and international learning.

Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KB CBE

For outstanding personal achievement as the founder of Warwick Manufacturing Group raising the status of engineering and manufacturing in the UK and for his service to the promotion of the University of Warwick and the City of Coventry.

Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

For the provision of a specialist high quality rape and sexual violence counselling support service to the citizens of Coventry undertaken with compassion and dignity to almost 5,000 women, men and children every year.

Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC

For outstanding achievement in the legal profession including appearing as a defence advocate in the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

Councillor Tim Sawdon

For outstanding contribution to the city of Coventry during 40 years on the City Council, including his year as Lord Mayor in 2012, the year the Olympics came to Coventry, serving as a former Chair of the Housing Committee, as Leader of the Conservative Group and Leader of the Opposition and as Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Libraries.

Dr Abdullah Shehu

For outstanding personal achievement in the field of medical research including outstanding care for patients with profound neurological illness and injuries and representing the Muslim community of the city and contribution towards community cohesion.

(meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.)