

Notice of Motion for Full Council- 26/7/23

There is a long tradition of Councils working closely with the Voluntary and Community Sector to respond to the needs of local Communities in emergencies, and in the long term and improve outcomes for residents. The importance of this relationship and the work undertaken by individuals or organisations within the Borough benefits Havant greatly. Residents' dedication and commitment to the Borough should be recognised and celebrated.

I therefore propose that the Council establishes an annual award to formally recognise residents' achievements within our community and thank them for all their hard work.

It would be appropriate to the occasion and the honour bestowed, that an annual award was presented during the Mayor Making Ceremony.

Over the forthcoming months a suitable selection criteria and nominations process would be agreed with the Mayor's Office. This would allow all Members to put forward residents who they feel deserve recognition for their contribution to our society.

The Council has also bestowed the Freedom of the Borough to the 47th Regiment Royal Artillery, based on Thorney Island. This is the most prestigious honour that the Council can bestow and one the Council should consider making to those most worthy and deserving eminent citizens. It would be timely to ensure that an appropriate selection criteria and nomination process is also considered for the future awarding of Freedom/Freeman of the Borough.

To provide oversight of this work, I propose that a cross party Civic Board is established to oversee and agree this process, the Civic Board may consider and determine recommendations for an annual Honourable Havant Citizen award and in the case of the latter mentioned honour make appropriate recommendations to Council.

The Council resolves to:-

Support the establishment of an annual Honourable Havant Citizen Award.

Establish a Civic Board to support the annual Honourable Havant Citizen Award and any future Freedom/Freeman of the Borough nominations.

Proposed by: Councillor Turner

Seconded by: Councillor Coates

Date: 15 July 2023

Time: 20:54