

11. To receive Reports from County and District Councillors (Councillors are reminded that no decision taking may take place as a result of this item)

12. Forthcoming Meetings – to note the following dates:

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 4 th December 2019
Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 6 th December 2019
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 11 th December 2019
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 18 th December 2019

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk, on 01425 484720 or chris.wilkins@ringwood.gov.uk

Council Members:

Chairman: Cllr Tony Ring, Town Mayor
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Philip Day, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Andy Briers
Cllr Gareth Deboos
Cllr Hilary Edge
Cllr Christine Ford
Cllr Rae Frederick
Cllr John Haywood
Cllr Jeremy Heron
Cllr Peter Kelleher
Cllr Darren Loose
Cllr Gloria O'Reilly
Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine
Cllr Glenys Turner

Student Advisors:



Hampshire County Council

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30 October 2019

Councillor Keith Mans
Leader of the Council

The Castle, Winchester
Hampshire SO23 8UJ

Sent by email to all Hampshire Parish Councils

Dear Colleague

Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry

I am pleased to invite you to a Parish Council briefing and workshop session on Thursday 09 January 2020 in Ashburton Hall at The Castle, Winchester from 18:15 - 20:00, with tea and coffee from 17:30.

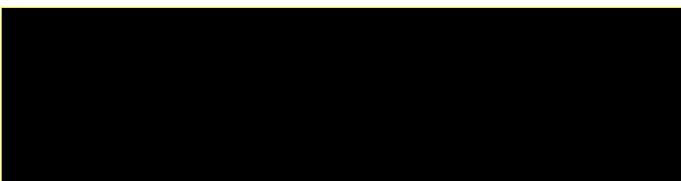
Many of you will be aware of the Hampshire 2050 Commission's Report (www.hants.gov.uk/visionforhampshire2050) which was received and considered by Hampshire County Council on 23 September 2019. Given the breadth of the Commission's vision and recommendations, we recognise the need for all levels of local government to work together and with our partners, businesses and communities to realise the benefits.

The County Council agreed to take on the role of ensuring the Commissioners' report is received and considered by key partners and stakeholders across Hampshire. With local community engagement as a key theme, it is clear that Parish Councils have an important role in this work, and we are therefore holding a dedicated event for Parish Councils to receive a comprehensive briefing on the outcomes of the Commission.

The workshop will also give you an opportunity to share your thoughts on priorities for Hampshire and what actions you can take locally with your communities. Given the focus on climate change both by the Commission and through the various climate emergency declarations made in Hampshire, we have also invited a Hampshire expert on community energy projects to give their perspective on how powerful local action can be.

I very much look forward to seeing you on 09 January 2020. Please RSVP to COI@hants.gov.uk by 20 December 2019 including names of who will be attending.

Yours sincerely



Keith Mans
Leader
Hampshire County Council

27th November 2019

Community Awards

1. Introduction and reason why decision required

It was agreed at the Council meeting on 26th June that Community Awards should be re-introduced and presented at future Annual Town Assemblies (item C/6327 refers). This report presents options for carrying that decision into effect.

2. Background information, options, impact assessment and risks

- 2.1 Awards were presented at the Annual Assemblies in 2011 (Elizabeth Oakenfold & Ringwood Good Neighbours), 2014 (Sid Slatter) and 2016 (Roger Bettle and Christina Edwards). The recipients in 2011 were presented with a certificate/scroll and a commemorative paperweight. Those in 2014 and 2016 received only a certificate/scroll. The minutes of the meetings constitute the only record of those presentations; there is no permanent physical record of the awards (such as an honours board) or of the citations detailing the public service that was acknowledged.
- 2.2 The Community Awards were a purely local initiative and distinct from the power to admit honorary freemen or honorary freewomen. The latter is a process regulated by statute. Ringwood Town Council has only done this once, in favour of Neville Chard in 2010. There is no permanent public record of that event either.
- 2.3 Certificates can be produced easily and cheaply in the Council office but would lack quality. Professionally prepared presentation scrolls on parchment could be arranged instead (see sample image attached) at a cost of £69 each (plus P&P).
- 2.4 With some re-arrangement, space could be made in the public parts of the reception area at the Gateway for an additional honours board. Office staff could create a loose-leaf binder of award citations at very little cost or something more formal and attractive could be commissioned professionally. The costs can be investigated if members can indicate which options, (if any) they might be prepared to support in principle.
- 2.5 Nomination arrangements. Nominations should be considered and agreed at a meeting of the full council from which the press and public have been excluded. It is recommended that this be done in March 2020. (Some councillors have indicated to officers that they have some nominees in mind.) Council could decide to seek nominations from members only in 2020 but with the aim of using the next Annual Assembly to publicize the scheme and invite public nominations in future years. Alternatively, public nominations could be invited before the meeting in March, but this would require specific publicity.

3. Issues for decision and any recommendations

- 3.1 ***Should recipients of future community awards be presented with professionally prepared presentation scrolls, simple certificates and/or something else?***
- 3.2 ***Should officers investigate options and costs for an additional honours board for recipients of the community awards and/or honorary freemen and honorary freewomen of the town?***
- 3.3 ***Should nominations for community awards in 2020 be invited from councillors only or from the wider public?***

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THE CHAIRMAN
JOHN P. MOORE

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO GRANT TO

PETER T RECIPIENT

THE HONORARY

FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

WE THE COUNCIL GRANT YOU THIS HIGHEST HONOUR
WE CAN BESTOW FOR THE VALUABLE AND DEVOTED SERVICES
RENDERED TO THE COUNCIL,
BY YOU FOR 32 YEARS.

DURING THAT TIME YOU HAVE SERVED
IN MANY POSITIONS AND HELD HIGH OFFICES
OF CLERK, COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OVER THE PERIODS
FROM 1980 UNTIL 2012.

WE LOUDLY APPLAUD YOUR VALUABLE AND STERLING SERVICE
WHILST THANKING YOU MOST SINCERELY.

SIGNED BY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

