

CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD

Introduction

On 23 January 2023, the Council considered a report regarding the future of its then citizen of the year award. At that meeting, the Council agreed to replace the pre-existing award with a mechanism to recognise achievements across the wider community as and when they arise which would be subject to a full Council report following a received nomination (ref. minute 23/8).

Considerations

Since then, one nomination by a councillor and one repeat nomination by a resident have been received. The current procedure is formless, there are no criteria against which a nomination can be assessed and there is no policy which governs e.g. the treatment of repeat nominations. This places councillors in a difficult position when a nomination is received because they almost have no choice but to agree in the absence of parameters.

Historically there has been little interest community interest in the award.

Recommendation(s)

To remove the Council's citizen recognition award.