

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014 - 2015

**COUNCIL
25 JUNE 2014**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Agenda Item No.13

**NOMINATIONS FOR FREEDOM OF THE
COUNTY BOROUGH**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the recommendations of the Freedom of the County Borough Committee which met on Tuesday, 8th April, 2014. This meeting proposed nominating and honouring Mr.Bernard William Leighton-Baldwin MBE.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Freedom of the County Borough Committee agreed to present the following recommendations to Council, as outlined, for approval:

- 2.1 To support the recommendation of the Freedom of the County Borough Committee in awarding the Freedom of the County Borough to Mr.Bernard William Leighton-Baldwin MBE.
- 2.2 To agree to instruct Officers to begin co-ordinating the presentation of the Freedom.
- 2.3 That Mr.David William "Dai" Dower MBE be included on the list of nominations for consideration for the Freedom of the County Borough at the next meeting of the Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Freedom of the County Borough is the highest accolade that the County Borough can bestow and is usually granted for outstanding service to, or achievement associated with, the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf. It is generally considered that the number of people receiving this status should be few in number to maintain the

importance of the accolade. To date, the Freedom of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf has been awarded to the Royal Welsh Regiment, Stuart Burrows , the Miners of South Wales, the Welsh Guards and Dr.Elaine Morgan OBE.

- 3.2 Conferring the Freedom of the County Borough is a function of Full Council, which delegated the consideration and decision on nominations to a Committee chaired by the Mayor. The Committee is to then submit a recommendation to Full Council, which will decide on whether to award the Freedom of the County Borough to any individual or organisation.

4. **PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 At the meeting held on the 8th April, 2014, Members gave consideration to the following nominations received:
- Mr. David William “Dai”Dower MBE
 - Mr. Bernard William Leighton-Baldwin MBE
- 4.2 Following consideration of the two nominees, the Members were of the view that Mr.Bernard Williams Leighton-Baldwin MBE should be awarded the Freedom of the Borough.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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