

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WORKING GROUP

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF GOOD CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, CABINET & PUBLIC RELATIONS IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR RHYS LEWIS**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider the nominations received for each of the six categories of the Mayor's Good Citizen Awards 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the six nomination categories identified by the Director, Cabinet & Public Relations
- 2.2 Consider the nominations received for each of the six categories

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Rhondda Cynon Taf Mayor's Good Citizen Awards recognises and honours County Borough residents who may not receive the recognition they deserve for their efforts to improve their community and/or those residents that have made an outstanding contributions and achievements within their field.
- 3.2 With so many individuals undertaking selfless acts for the good of the community or others without any financial motive, there is a need to build upon the success of the 2016 ceremony.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 On a day-to-day basis, citizens from across the County Borough continue to undertake selfless deeds and give their time and efforts to ensure the community is a better and safer place to live.

4.2 On the 23rd March 2016, Council agreed to support the recommendation of the Freedom of the Borough Committee Working Group to take forward the launch of a 'Rhondda Cynon Taf Citizen Award'.

4.3 The inaugural Mayor's Good Citizen Awards, was held at the Park & Dare Theatre in 2016 and celebrated the triumphs of a long list of recipients.

5. MAYOR'S RHONDDA CYNON TAF CITIZEN AWARD – GOING FORWARD.

5.1 At the meeting on Thursday 19th January 2017, Members of the Freedom of the Borough Committee Working Group agreed that in order to retain the uniqueness of the award and make for a more organised and timely ceremony, the 2017 nominees would be filtered into categories.

5.2 The Service Director of Cabinet Office & Public Relations was authorised to take forward promotion of the Good Citizen Awards and the development of selection categories, which are as follows:

1. Services to the Community
2. Academic Achievement
3. Artistic Achievement
4. Sporting Achievement
5. Services to Charity
6. Supporting Others

5.3 Entries for the Good Citizen nominations close at 10pm on Sunday 19th February, 2017.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The Mayor of Rhondda Cynon Taf meets many helpful and considerate residents every day during his role, however many go unnoticed or without acknowledgement of the selfless yet important work they undertake by the wider community.

6.2 The Rhondda Cynon Taf Mayor's Good Citizen Award provides official recognition by the Mayor and Rhondda Cynon Taf Council of the good and sometimes selfless work undertaken by residents of the County Borough for the community.