

**Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee
Wednesday, 22 January 2020**

REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL AWARD 2019
REPORT OF:	Assistant Director: Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request agreement from the Committee that the Wirral Award be conferred on the nominees as recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party.

The Wirral Award is intended to confer civic recognition upon individuals or organisations resident or located in Wirral, for an outstanding achievement (within the previous 12 months) or distinguished service to the Borough (over a period of 20 years or more, unless there are exceptional circumstances).

As a general rule the Council would prefer to consider individuals rather than organisations unless the circumstances are exceptional.

All nominations are considered annually by a working party of senior Councillors, and the working party's recommendations with regard to possible recipients of the Wirral Award are submitted to the Licensing, Health and Safety, and General Purposes Committee for approval.

A formal award certificate will then be awarded to the successful nominees at a special ceremony to be held in the Town Hall.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

This is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- (1) agree to confer the Wirral Award upon those recipients recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party; and**
- (2) make appropriate arrangements for the presentation ceremony to take place as set out in paragraph 3.0 of this report.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The Wirral Award is intended to confer civic recognition upon individuals or organisations resident or located in Wirral for an outstanding achievement within the previous twelve months, or for distinguished service to the Borough over a period of twenty years or more.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Nominations sought

Nine nominations were received and considered by the Wirral Award Working Party.

3.2 Wirral Award Working Party

The Wirral Award Working Party, comprising the Mayor, the Leader and representatives of the political groups by way of the Chair and spokespersons of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee, met on 18 December 2019 to consider the nominations submitted. Their recommendations are attached as an exempt appendix.

3.3 Presentation Ceremony

Once nominations are agreed, a presentation ceremony will be arranged to be attended by:

- (i) The Mayor of Wirral
- (ii) Leader of the Council
- (iii) Group Leaders
- (iv) Chair of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee
- (v) Chief Executive
- (vi) Nominees and one guest each

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The costs of the presentation ceremony can be accommodated within existing approved budgets.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly out of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no such implications arising out of this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Nominations are sought and accepted from all areas of the local community.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Wirral Award nominations are open to all residents or organisations resident or located in Wirral.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 No such implications arise from this report, there is no impact of emissions of CO2.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 (Exempt) – Nomination forms and recommendations of the Wirral Award Working Party.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2016	25 January 2017
Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2017	1 February 2018
Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2018	23 January 2019