



## **REGULATORY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 31st January 2024**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>WIRRAL AWARD 2023</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>

### **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.

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 Regulatory and General Purposes Committee for approval.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough and is not a key decision.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Regulatory and General Purposes Committee is requested to:

- (1)** agree to confer the Wirral Award upon the 11 nominees recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party; and
- (2)** make appropriate arrangements for the recipients of the Award to be invited to a special ceremony as set out in paragraph 3.0 of this report.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 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**

- 2.1 That the Committee resolve not to confer the Wirral Award upon the nominees received and recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party, as detailed in the appendix.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Nominations received and Wirral Award Working Party**

In total, seventeen nominations for the Wirral Award 2023 were received and considered by the Wirral Award Working Party which met on 19 December 2023. The Wirral Award Working Party comprises the Leader of the Council, the Mayor, and representatives of the political groups by way of Chair and spokespersons of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee. Their recommendations are attached as an exempt appendix to this report for consideration.

The appendix attached to the report is exempt under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. Consideration has been given to the Public Interest Test.

When considering nominations, generally the Council prefers to consider individuals rather than organisations unless the circumstances are exceptional.

A formal Award certificate will then be awarded to the successful nominees at a special ceremony to be held at a suitable venue.

#### **3.2 Presentation Ceremony**

Once nominations are agreed, a formal Award certificate will then be presented to the successful nominees at a future ceremony to be attended by:

- (i) The Mayor of Wirral
- (ii) Leader of the Council
- (iii) Group Leaders
- (iv) Chair and spokespersons 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 As in previous years, the costs associated with the Wirral Award would be accommodated within the existing approved Civic Services budget.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 It is customary for the Council to cover the cost of any hospitality that may be provided for the Wirral Award. There is no specific budget head for this, but the funding required can be allocated from the Civic Services budget.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 There are no known risks arising directly from this report.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Nominations have been sought from all areas of the local community for consideration by the Wirral Award Working Party.

#### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity. Measuring the impact of equality implications and mitigating any negative impact where possible is embedded into the core principles of good governance.

9.2 There are no known equality implications arising from this report.

#### **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no known environmental or climate implications arising from this report.

#### **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no known implications arising directly from the content of this report. The Wirral Award does however recognise and celebrate individuals who have contributed to the development of a resilient local community due to an outstanding achievement within the previous twelve months, or for distinguished service to the Borough over a period of twenty years or more.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Nomination forms for consideration (Exempt)

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Wirral Award application form.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This report is being considered by the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee in accordance with Section 8.2 (j) of its Terms of Reference.

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Regulatory and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2020</b>	<b>19 January 2021</b>
<b>Regulatory and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2021</b>	<b>20 January 2022</b>
<b>Regulatory and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2022</b>	<b>1 February 2023</b>