Recommendation

It is recommended that Council confirm the nominations of the following Citizens of Honour agreed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Liberal Democrat Group and Conservative Group Leaders:

Mr David Carter MBE and Mrs Rachel Carter

Mr James William Vaughan MBE

Mr Graham Taylor

Summary

This report sets out nominations for the 2017 Citizen of Honour Awards.

Statutory Powers

Local Government Act 2000

Introduction

1. As part of the Borough’s Fiftieth anniversary celebrations in 1986 the Council created the award of Citizen of Honour. Current practice is to consider making awards once every two years to people who have given long and exceptional service to the local community.

2. The Council has authorised the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Group Leaders to agree nominations. Following such agreement the Mayor writes to the nominees formally offering the honour. If a nominee is happy to accept the nomination, the Council is informed of the decision, and the nominations are formally confirmed.

Nominees

3. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Liberal Democrat Group and Conservative Group Leaders have considered and agreed three nominees. They are –
Mr David Carter MBE and Mrs Rachel Carter

Mr James Vaughan MBE

Mr Graham Taylor

4. They have confirmed they are happy to accept the nomination. Accordingly, the Council is asked to confirm these.

5. The Mayor will confer the honours at the Council Meeting (Mayor Making) on Thursday 11 May 2017.

Financial Implications

6. There are no new financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

7. There are no risks arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications from this report.

Conclusion

9. The Council is asked to confirm the three nominations for the Citizen of Honour awards as detailed above.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

None.
APPENDIX A

Nomination for David Carter MBE and Rachel Carter
National Autistic Society South Hants Branch

In 2004 David and Rachel set up a small support group for parents of children with autism and Asperger syndrome in mainstream schools. In January 2005 they became the Eastleigh and Winchester Branch of the National Autistic Society. As they now cover a much wider area than just Eastleigh and Winchester they are now known as the South Hants Branch.

The Branch offers advice, support and activities to hundreds of individuals, families and professionals. They now have nearly 500 members and support well over 100 families.

They have been instrumental in shaping local autism policies and strategies. This includes the Autism Ambassador scheme which was launched in 2015.

Their achievements include:

- monthly parent support group meetings in Bishopstoke
- monthly Family Youth Club in Chandler’s Ford
- monthly Lego Club with a Speech and Language Therapist (there has been interest around the country in the idea and success of this group)
- Resource Library at monthly meetings and groups
- social skills courses attended by 100 children and young people
- monthly group with Eastleigh Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) to support families waiting for and going through diagnosis. This group also includes Paediatric Services (Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy) and the Primary Behaviour Service (Education). As a result of this group, CAMHS have now commissioned similar groups across Hampshire facilitated by Autism Hampshire
- running courses and help programmes
- Teenage Youth Club with Eastleigh In Touch and Fair Oak Youth Centre. This weekly club is now run by Friends of InTouch and similar groups are running in Hamble, Hedge End and Romsey
APPENDIX B

Nomination for James William Vaughan MBE
Voluntary work in the community

Jim has been a voluntary sector leader in a variety of roles at local, regional and national levels for over 46 years. At only 25 year old, as a new and young Group Scout Leader, his goal was to move his Group to a new purpose built HQ. It took all his persuasions and visions for the Group to raise the funds, find the site, get the permissions and finally build the hall. His achievement was well documented at the time and at its opening in 1980 he had rightly earned the Scout Association’s Medal of Merit for outstanding service.

In 1984, Jim formed the American-style Senators Marching Band (registered as a charity no. 290359 called the Eastleigh Borough Marching Youth Band) based initially at Toynbee School where Jim was a senior teacher. With their success and with much local support, Jim was a leading player in achieving the provision of two new youth facilities in the area, The Nightingale Youth Centre and The Pavilion on the Park, both giving a home to the band. Jim’s voluntary work became nation-wide when through his work with the Senators, he founded and then became a long-serving trustee and Honorary Director of the British Federation of Youth Marching Band Organisations (BFYMBO) until its closure in 2013.

Jim’s passion for promoting youth involvement in all areas of society led him to become chair of trustees for the Eastleigh Youth Trust for 21 years from 1993 until January 2014 when it widened its aims to become the Eastleigh Youth & Community Trust. Again he was chair of trustees until September 2016 when he reverted to being purely trustee status, albeit looking after construction/buildings matters.

The Eastleigh Youth & Community Trust runs the Pavilion on the Park. Such is the quality of the Trust’s work that under Jim’s direction and drive, the Trust was awarded the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service in June 2016, one of only 193 Awards in the entire UK, and one of only three in Hampshire.

He was persuaded to return to Scouting in 2009 as Chairman of Eastleigh District Scout Council. His first task was to achieve inclusive representation on the Committee. His ideas were well received and enthusiastically supported. Jim worked tirelessly as Chairman for 5½ years and when standing aside in 2014, handed over a legacy of forward thinking, ambitious challenges and a number of ongoing development projects stretching forward to 2018.

Jim has achieved so much for the community of Eastleigh and particularly its young people. Indeed he was awarded the MBE for services to education and the community in 2001.
APPENDIX C

Nomination for Graham Taylor

Graham has consistently worked for the good of others in a range of demanding and time consuming voluntary roles. This voluntary work has had a significant impact on hundreds of local people.

Clearly, Graham had a demanding working life but that did not stop him from taking on a wide variety of equally demanding and time consuming voluntary roles. It is in these voluntary roles where Graham has made a significant contribution to the local community and beyond at a county and national level. These roles include:

- 26 years serving as a Justice of the Peace
- Extensive work for 50+ years within the scouting movement on a local, district and national basis
- Working with Hampshire County Council and supporting Governor Services as well as sitting on the Independent Pupil Admission Appeals Panel
- Serving as a member of the management committee at the Bridge Education Centre in Eastleigh
- Dedicated service for more than 40 years to Wyvern College as a member of the Governing body.