

## Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 February 2014</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Town Awards</b>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<b>To agree the categories for 2014</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

### Background

The Town Awards were introduced in 2009, to not only recognise those within the parish who have made an outstanding contribution but also to promote the whole ethos of community involvement. The ceremony to make the awards has now become an integral part of the annual Civic Reception held in July.

A panel made up of representatives from local businesses, churches, schools, the CAB, emergency services, the community and sports clubs consider nominations received and decide a winner for each category. Over time small changes have been made to the six categories and in 2013 awards were presented for:

1. **Young Achiever** (4 nominations received in 2013)

A young person up to the age of 18 who excels in a particular skill or discipline

2. **Person of Courage** (2 nominations received in 2013)

Someone of any age who has overcome adversity

3. **Voluntary Individual/Organisation** (5 nominations received in 2013)

An individual or group that has worked tirelessly for the good of our community.

4. **Lifetime Achievement** (6 nominations received in 2013)

Someone who has made a significant contribution to the community over an extended period of time (can be awarded posthumously).

5. **Sporting Achievement** (9 nominations received in 2013)

Someone of any age who has shown great dedication to their sport.

6. **Service with a Smile** (22 nominations received in 2013)

A business or individual that consistently provides a faultless and friendly service.

### Categories for 2014

It was agreed at the last Committee meeting that Councilors and the Panel would give due consideration to suggestions for a new category and criteria for the 2014 Town Awards and which category from the 2013 awards it would replace.

The Panel Chairperson has suggested the award categories remain the same with the "Person of Courage" award criteria being amended to "Someone of any age who has overcome adversity or facing everyday life challenges".

This would open up this award to the wider community rather than a specific award for “Young Carer or Carers” as this is a sensitive area and would need the person’s knowledge to be nominated. With over

140 Young Carers within Lord Williams’s and an unknown number within primary schools, it raises the concern how the panel would decide a successful nomination.

### Resource Appraisal

Budget requirements included in the estimates for 2014-15:

Purchase of 6 awards	£300
Engraving	£100
Advertising and printing	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£900</b>

**Risk Assessment:** There are no significant risks to the Council identified with this report.

**Legal Powers:** The Local Government Act 1972 Section 111

**Recommendation that:**

- i) The 2014 category of awards be approved.*