

To: County Council – 18 October 2007

By: Paul Carter, Leader of Kent County Council

Subject: The Kent Invicta Award

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To seek the Council's approval to the proposed framework for the Kent Invicta Award.

1. Introduction

(1) The creation of the Kent Invicta Award was agreed at full County Council on 4 November 2004

(2) The Kent Invicta Award is an opportunity to acknowledge and reward people from across the county who demonstrate outstanding achievement, act as an inspiration to others or who practice and encourage philanthropy within the community.

(3) The only previous recipient of the Kent Invicta Award was Dame Kelly Holmes following her outstanding achievements at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

2. Award Process

(1) The Kent Invicta Award will be a formal Chairman's commendation.

(2) The Kent Invicta Award will be a KCC award with the nomination process open to all County Councillors. Nominations cannot be received via KCC officers, or members of the public. All nominations must include demonstrable supporting evidence.

(3) A councillor Award Panel consisting of the Chairman, the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader and the Leaders of the opposition groups will meet annually to review nominations and judge the number of recipients deemed fit to receive the Kent Invicta Award.

(4) The recipients will be decided by a majority vote of the Kent Invicta Award Panel. In a split decision the Chairman will have the casting vote.

(5) The recipients will be announced at the last meeting of County Council chaired by the outgoing Chairman.

(6) The Kent Invicta Award will be presented by the outgoing Chairman of the County Council.

3. Eligibility Criteria

(1) All recipients' activities must positively impact on Kent, whether or not they are residents of the county

(2) Only individuals will be eligible to receive The Kent Invicta Award.

(3) The Kent Invicta Award will recognise those who have achieved excellence in their chosen field.

(4) The Kent Invicta Award will recognise individuals who provide / have provided an exceptional service and commitment to Kent and have had a major impact on its communities.

(5) The outstanding achievement or contribution of individuals can be on a one-off or ongoing basis.

(6) The Kent Invicta Award will recognise those who have acted with honesty and integrity.

(7) Local authority employees will not be eligible for the award for duties that they carry out as part of their role.

(8) The eligibility criteria are subject to review at any point.

4. Award Presentation

(1) The Kent Invicta Award will be given annually in recognition of the individuals deemed to have made the most significant contribution judged against the criteria set.

(2) The Kent Invicta Award will be a silver horse trophy with a plaque recognising the achievement of the chosen individual; recognition via an honours board to hang in the council chamber; and £5000 to a charity of the recipient's choice

5. Conclusion

(1) The Kent Invicta Award will provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the hard work and dedication of individuals who have given outstanding service to, or who act as a role model for, the residents of Kent.

(2) All nominations for the Kent Invicta Award will be from County Councillors and recipients of the award will be decided by the Kent Invicta Award panel

6. Recommendation

Members are asked to note and agree the framework provided for the Kent Invicta Award.

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