

# **Management Committee**

## **13 December 2016**

### **Freedom of the Borough – Weymouth Sea Cadets**

#### **For Recommendation To Council**

##### **Briefholder**

Cllr K Brookes, Corporate Affairs and Continuous Improvement  
Cllr J Cant, Finance and Assets

##### **Senior Leadership Team Contact:**

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##### **Report Author:**

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##### **Statutory Authority**

Local Government Act 1972 Section 249(5)

##### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 To consider the granting of the Freedom of the Borough to the Weymouth Sea Cadets.

##### **Officer Recommendations**

- 2 (a) That Management Committee recommends to Full Council that the Freedom of the Borough be granted to the Weymouth Sea Cadets.  
  
(b) That up to £6,000 from General Reserves be used towards the cost of a Freedom of the Borough Parade and a Church Service, if (a) above is approved by Full Council.

##### **Reason for Decision**

- 3 To consider a request from the Weymouth Sea Cadet Unit to be granted Freedom of the Borough.

##### **Background and Reason Decision Needed**

- 4 A request has been received from Phil Dennis PO from the Weymouth Sea Cadets for the unit to be granted the Freedom of the Borough. In 2017 the Weymouth Sea Cadet unit will have been established in the Borough for 75 years and they would like to mark this auspicious occasion with the granting of the Freedom of the Borough, Church Service and a Freedom of the Borough Parade in Spring 2017. The Sea Cadets have a long history

of supporting local children in the borough and the local community over the last 75 years.

- 5 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 the Borough Council is able to grant freedom for “persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.”
- 6 Should members agree, a formal resolution will need to be passed at a special meeting of Full Council, and the “Freedom”, marked by the presentation of a commemorative Freedom Scroll to the Weymouth Sea Cadets, who would then be able to exercise the right to march through the streets of the Borough and hold a church service at a future date.

## **Implications**

### **Financial**

- 7 The cost of the civic administrative arrangements will be minimal, officer and member time in attending a special meeting of Full Council and the cost of producing a commemorative scroll and a parlour reception held by the Mayor which can be met from the mayoral budget.
- 8 The costs associated with organising a Freedom Parade are more significant in terms of officer time and the arrangements that will need to be put in place, there is no budget allocated for such events and, if approved, the costs will need to be met from General Reserves. The main costs associated with the Freedom of the Borough relate to:
  - Holding a Church Service
  - Road Closure arrangements
  - Hire of a Dias
  - Hire of venue and provision of refreshments for the reception
  - Provision of transport for guests.

## **Consultation and Engagement**

Relevant Brief holders

Events Manager

Weymouth Sea Cadets, Executive Officer

## **Appendices**

None

## **Background Papers**

None

## **Footnote**

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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