



<b>Subject:</b>	Request for Award of Freedom of the City
<b>Date:</b>	22 May 2020
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor / Director of Legal & Civic Services
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a proposal that the Council award the Freedom of the City to our healthcare workers and all those that are working tirelessly on the frontline to care for vulnerable citizens.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is recommended to agree to award the Freedom of the City to our healthcare workers and all those that are working tirelessly on the frontline to care for vulnerable citizens and that a report to outline proposed arrangements for this is brought in due course.

	The Committee is asked to agree that the event will be a city wide recognition of all those frontline workers who have been engaged in the providing services through the current emergency with citizen and community participation.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Following a request by the Lord Mayor and a proposal by Councillor Beattie which was seconded by Councillor Dorrian, to award the Freedom of the City to our healthcare workers and all those that are working tirelessly on the frontline to care for vulnerable citizens was considered by Party Leaders at the Party Leaders' Forum on 12 May 2020.
3.2	In accordance with existing Council policy on the award of the Freedom of the City, the views of the Party Groups on the Council have to be sought as to whether or not they would be supportive of such a suggestion. At the meeting, there was the required support for the award to be made ie 2/3 of Members of the Council.
3.3	Accordingly, the Committee is recommended to agree to award the Freedom of the City to our healthcare workers and all those that are working tirelessly on the frontline to care for vulnerable citizens and that a proposal on arrangements for this award will be brought back to Party Leaders' Forum for consideration at later date.
3.4	The report will present proposals on the format of any event and how we can reach into communities to achieve citizen participation.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.4	To be determined and will be considered in a further report.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.5	There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None