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Late Item – Leeds Award

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Report of **City Solicitor**

Report to **Council**

Date: **14 November 2012**

Subject: **Leeds Award**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

In light of the seriousness of current allegations against Jimmy Savile reference to him has been removed from the Leeds Award inscription in the Civic Hall Ante-Chamber.

Following further discussion with Senior Councillors from across all political groups, this report now recommends that the Leeds Award, granted to Jimmy Savile in 2008, be rescinded and that no further consideration be given to progressing any other form of recognition or commemoration.

Recommendation

That Council agree, in the light of the seriousness of current allegations;

- to rescind the Leeds Award granted to Jimmy Savile in 2008, and
- that the previous resolution of Council, made following Jimmy Savile's death in 2011, be not progressed.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of Council of the removal of the name of Jimmy Savile from the Leeds Award inscription in the Civic Hall Ante-Chamber and to recommend that Council rescind the Leeds Award made to Jimmy Savile. This report also proposes that previous resolutions of Council, in terms of possible further recognition or commemoration, be not progressed.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 On the 2nd July 2008 Council resolved to grant the Leeds Award to Jimmy Savile a well known Leeds based celebrity and personality who had carried out a considerable amount of charity work.
- 2.2 In light of the significance of current allegations against Jimmy Savile, reference to him receiving the Leeds Award has been removed from the wall of the Ante Chamber in the Civic Hall.
- 2.3 However, the Leeds Award, having been made by Full Council, requires a formal decision by Members of Full Council to rescind.
- 2.4 Futhermore, following Jimmy Savile's death in 2011, Council resolved to progress work on a form of commemoration for Jimmy Savile. It is now proposed that no such work be progressed.

3 Corporate Considerations

3.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 3.1.1 Leaders and senior Members from all political groups have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 3.2.1 There are no specific implications.

3.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 3.3.1 There are no specific implications.

3.4 Resources and value for money

- 3.4.1 There are no specific implications regarding resources and value for money arising from this report.

3.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 3.5.1 This report is not subject to Call In, as it is a Council Function. Authority to grant or rescind the Leeds Award rests with Full Council.

3.6 **Risk Management**

3.6.1 No specific implications

4 **Recommendations**

4.1 That Council agree, in the light of the seriousness of current allegations;

- to rescind the Leeds Award granted to Jimmy Savile in 2008, and,
- that the previous resolution of Council, made following Jimmy Savile's death in 2011, be not progressed.

5 **Background documents**¹

5.2 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

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