
Report of the City Solicitor

Report to Council

Date: 11th November 2015

Subject: The 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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

On the 13th October the Leeds Award Panel agreed the nomination of Kevin Sinfield for a Leeds Award.

The Leeds Award Panel asked that in this instance that the Leeds Award for Kevin Sinfield was approved through a delegated administrative decision by the Chief Executive to allow for the announcement to be made on the 21st October at a civic dinner of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation.

The Chief Executive, being always respectful of the role of Full Council, sought the views of group leaders before proceeding with this and unanimous agreement from the group leaders was given.

The Chief Executive signed the delegated administrative decision on the 19th October.

Recommendation

That Council note the recommendation of the Leeds Award Panel and the decision to approve the award taken in this instance by the Chief Executive.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 For Council to consider the outcome of the Leeds Award Panel who agreed, on 13th October 2015, to make the recommendation that the following nomination receive the Leeds Award:
- 1.2 The award is being given in recognition of his successful career playing for and leading the Leeds Rhinos to national and international success, his national career as captain of the England Rugby League team and his contribution to the city of Leeds through his support of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation and other charities. The full citation is attached.

2 Background information

- 2.1 On 17th October 2007, the Executive Board agreed to the creation of the 'Leeds Award'.
- 2.2 The Leeds Award is a prestigious honour that recognises that there are many people, groups, organisations and teams that bring great credit to the City through their exceptional hard work and dedication. It is viewed as a lasting tribute to those contributions that make a real difference to the City.
- 2.3 Following the initial processes, Group Leaders appointed representatives to act on their behalf at all future Leeds Award Panel meetings.

3 Corporate Considerations

3.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 3.1.1 Group leaders and Elected Members

3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 3.2.1 No Impact

3.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 3.3.1 No Impact

3.4 Resources and value for money

- 3.4.1 All costs would be contained within existing budgets

3.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 3.5.1 No implications

3.6 Risk Management

- 3.6.1 There are no risk issues

4 Conclusions

- 4.1 The Leeds Award Panel recommended that Mr Kevin Sinfield receive the Leeds Award.
- 4.2 In this instance, given time constraints, the Leeds Award for Kevin Sinfield was approved through a delegated administrative decision by the Chief Executive.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That Council note the recommendation of the Leeds Award Panel and the decision to approve the award taken in this instance by the Chief Executive.

6 Background documents¹

- 6.1 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.