



Report of the City Solicitor

Report to Council

Date: 11th September 2019

Subject: The Leeds Award

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
Has consultation been carried out?	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No

Summary

1. Main issues

The Leeds Award Panel have agreed that two nominations be put forward for consideration by full Council to receive the Leeds Award. This report outlines the proposals of the Panel.

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

There are no specific implications arising from this report relating to the Best Council plan.

3. Resource Implications

There are no significant financial implications arising from the proposals set out in this report – any associated costs from the Award are contained from within existing budgets.

Recommendations

- a) That Council approve the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel that Jamie Jones-Buchanan and Barbara Taylor Bradford be granted the Leeds Award.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 For Council to consider the outcome of the Leeds Award Panel who have unanimously agreed to make the recommendation that Barbara Taylor Bradford and Jamie Jones-Buchanan receive the Leeds Award.

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 process, Group Leaders appointed representatives to act on their behalf at all future Leeds Award Panel meetings.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 Following a meeting of the cross party Leeds Award Panel nominations were considered for the granting of the Leeds Award the Panel. Following that meeting the Leeds Award Panel recommends to Full Council that:
 - 3.1.1 **Jamie Jones-Buchanan** receive the Leeds Award in recognition of his dedication to Leeds, both in terms of his distinguished playing career for Leeds Rhinos and the support and encouragement he gives to local communities and charities.
 - 3.1.2 **Barbara Taylor Bradford** receive the Leeds Award in acknowledgement of her dedication to her hometown of Leeds, (which features so prominently in many of her novels) and her promotion of Leeds internationally.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 Consultation has taken place with the Leader of Council and Members of the Leeds Award Panel. All Members are supportive of the nominations made.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity / cohesion and integration implications arising from the report.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report relating to Council policies or the Best Council plan.

Climate Emergency

4.3.2 There are no implications relating to the Climate Emergency declaration arising from this report.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from the proposals set out in this report – any associated costs from the Award are contained from within existing budgets.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 There are no legal or access to information implications arising from this report. As the decision is a Council function the decision is not open for call-in.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no issues relating to risk management arising from the report.

5. Recommendations

5.1 That Council approve the recommendations of the Leeds Award Panel that Jamie Jones-Buchanan and Barbara Taylor Bradford be granted the Leeds Award.

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.