

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Report Title:	Councillor Long Service Awards
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Directorate:	Resources
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Wards affected:	None specifically
Public Access	Open
Appendices	None

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report identifies Members who have or will by 31 December 2025 accrued 20 years' service on the Council and are, therefore, recommended to receive Long and Distinguished Service awards.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Council is recommended to confer Long and Distinguished Service awards to the following Members:

Councillor Marie Pye (elected July 2005)

3. Background

- 3.1. The Long and Distinguished Service awards initially formed part of the Civic Awards Panel, which has not met since 2014. The scheme was discretionary and was initially introduced in 1994 to formally recognise long-term dedication shown by Waltham Forest councillors.
- 3.2. Originally granted for 24 continuous years, the policy was amended in 2013 to 20 accrued years. The Members named above therefore qualify to receive the award.

4. Proposal

- 4.1. The Council's records, identify that one elected councillor has accrued 20 years' service to the local authority in 2025. It is recommended that Council agrees that the Long and Distinguished Service award is conferred on the councillors named in paragraph 2.1.
- 4.2. Should the recommendation be agreed, Members in receipt of the Long and Distinguished Service awards will be invited to a reception with the mayor, where they will receive a badge and certificate.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation was necessary as the awards are within the Council's agreed policies.

- 6. Implications
 - 6.1 Finance, Value for Money and Risk
 - 6.1.1 There will be minor costs arising from the provision of badges, certificates and the inclusion of names on the roll of honour in the May Suite. These can be contained within existing budgets.
 - 6.2 Legal
 - 6.2.1. None.
 - 6.3 Equalities and Diversity
 - 6.3.1. The policy was amended in 2013 to take account of the fact that, for whatever reason. Members may have had a break in service.
 - 6.4 Sustainability (including climate change, health, crime and disorder)
 - 6.4.1. None
 - 6.5 Council Infrastructure (e.g. human resources, accommodation or IT issues)
 - 6.5.1. None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (as defined by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

Report to Civic Awards Panel, 21 June 2013 (held by Democratic Services)