

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor L Williams, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 May 2021

## BLACKPOOL MEDAL

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The Council to consider awarding the Blackpool Medal posthumously to former Councillors Peter Callow and Lily Henderson MBE.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree to amend the criteria for the award of a Blackpool Medal to be as set out in paragraph 5.4.
- 2.2 To agree that former Councillors Peter Callow and Lily Henderson MBE be posthumously awarded the Blackpool Medal in recognition of their eminent service to the Borough.
- 2.3 To request the Director of Governance and Partnerships to organise a Special Meeting of Council, at some stage following the recess when hopefully the ability to have a physically present Council meeting is achievable, for the award of these medals.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal decision of council is required to confirm the views expressed by councillors from all parties at the meeting of Council on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

No other options are put forward.

#### **4.0 Council priority:**

4.1 The recommendations reflect all priorities of council.

#### **5.0 Background Information**

- 5.1 The Council at its meeting on 10 February 2021 noted the sad news of the deaths of Councillor Peter Callow and Councillor Lily Henderson MBE and paid tribute to their service to the Council. The Leader of the Council supported by the other Group Leaders and other councillors who spoke, supported the proposal to award the Blackpool Medal to former Councillors Peter Callow and Lily Henderson MBE at a future Council meeting. This is a report seeking a formal decision of council.
- 5.2 The Blackpool Medal came about on 24 September 2008, when the then Leader of the Council, Councillor Peter Callow announced that following consultation with the other Group Leaders, it was intended to present Shelly Woods, as the first recipient of the 'Blackpool Medal', in recognition of her successes at the 2008 Paralympics, her individual achievements in recent years and the ambassadorial role she undertook for Blackpool, as a 'Sporting Champion'.
- 5.3 On 16 June 2010, Blackpool Football Club was awarded the Blackpool Medal in recognition of securing promotion to the English Premier League and on 18 January 2012, Major James Houldsworth received the award in recognition for his service to the Armed Forces and the veterans' community in Blackpool and on the fylde coast.
- 5.4 It is recommended that the criteria below be updated as indicated and applied for recipients of the Blackpool medal (words underlined are added, words struck through to be deleted).

To be given to person(s) living or deceased:

1. Who were born, live or have lived, work or have worked in, or who have or have had strong links with Blackpool; and
2. Who have made a key and recognised contribution to the Borough as a whole, or to its communities beyond which is expected of citizens, or has achieved regional or national significance and in so doing promoted Blackpool.
- ~~3. In accepting the award the recipient must be willing to continue such work, able to accept the award and attend an event and be willing to continue to act as an ambassador for Blackpool.~~

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**List of Appendices:**

None.

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 There are no legal considerations within this item.

**7.0 Equalities considerations:**

7.1 There are no equalities considerations.

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 The costs associated with this item have been met from within budget.

**9.0 Risk management considerations:**

9.1 There are no risk management considerations.

**10.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

11.1 Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders of the Council.

**12.0 Background papers:**

12.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.