

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
<b>Relevant Member:</b>	Councillor L Williams, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	8 September 2022

## BLACKPOOL MEDAL

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To award the Blackpool Medal to Mrs Elaine Smith MBE.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To award the Blackpool Medal to Mrs Elaine Smith MBE in recognition of her eminent service to the Borough.

[See Order of Proceedings at Appendix 2a for individual proposers and seconders.]

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To recognise Mrs Elaine Smith MBE for her service to Blackpool.

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 At its meeting of 24 May 2021, the Council agreed the following criteria for the award of a Blackpool Medal 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.

5.2 Subsequently, at its meeting of 18 May 2022, the Council agreed to award the Blackpool Medal to Mrs Elaine Smith MBE and to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to award the medal.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**6.0 List of Appendices:**

6.1 Appendix 2a – Order of Proceedings.

**7.0 Legal considerations:**

7.1 There are no legal considerations within this item.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 The costs associated with this item (purchase of medals and certificates) have been met from within budget.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 There are no risk management considerations.

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

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders of the Council and the decision to hold this special meeting was agreed by Council on 18 May 2022.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.