

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

### **CITIZEN AND GROUP OF THE YEAR**

The closing date for nominations for the Citizen and Group of the year was 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Unfortunately, the number of nominations received was very low for both. And most of those that were did not meet the criteria.

Therefore, it is suggested that members consider changing the criteria.

At the moment the award is open to individuals and groups who volunteer within the community and does cover people living outside the town, although they must have provided a service valued by people in Ivybridge.

Members are asked to consider opening it up to non-voluntary individuals and groups.

This would enable the nomination of, for example, public sector workers, health workers, charity employees, and others who work in the community but go above and beyond their paid role and provide an excellent service to the community.

Councillors at Full Council would still decide on the recipients, but would have a wider remit to choose from.

An extension for the 2022 nominations is also proposed to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

If members do not think a widening of the criteria is appropriate, another way forwards will need to be found to either consider suspending the award for a year, or at least a re-marketing of the nomination process with a new deadline.

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Town Clerk