

STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date:	Monday, 20 September 2021
Title:	Citizen of the Year Award 2021
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Background

Witney Town Council has run a Citizen of the Year awards programme for a good number of Years. Winners are usually presented at the annual Civic Reception in March of the following year. They are normally awarded a certificate and an engraved pen or similar and are sometimes invited to be involved in switching on the Christmas Lights. Awards are made for those who have contributed to the town in a positive way, whether as part of their job (where they must have exceeded their remit and excelled in some way) or more usually, as a volunteer.

Current Situation

Having cancelled the last award ceremony because of Covid -19, the Council need to decide on whether to reinstate the awards – nominations are usually requested from November onwards.

Last year the Council ran the Covid-19 Witney Hero awards as an alternative and to address the huge numbers of people that deserved recognition.

Environmental impact

There is no significant environmental impact.

Risk

There is no significant risk to the Council.

Financial implications

➤ A small fund for prizes is required – there is a budget of £200 (budget line 4153/401).

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Should Witney Town Council run a Citizen of the Year Award for 2021?
2. If so, how should this be awarded, i.e., Civic Reception in March 2022 or other?