Report for: Council

Date of Meeting:	28 September 2023
Subject:	Recognition of Long Service – Councillor Simon Brown
Responsible Officer:	Jessica Farmer – Interim Director of Legal and Governance Services
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	None
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The Council on 18 July 1985 adopted a recommendation from the then Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 2 July, concerning the recognition of Members' long service and resolved:

"That the Council agree that Members of the Council who complete 25 years' service with the Council be presented with framed, illuminated copy resolutions of appreciation".

This report sets out the proposal for a Long Service Award to Councillor Simon Brown.

Recommendations:

That Council approve a Long Service Award marking Councillor Simon Brown 25 years' service as a Member for Harrow Council in May 2023.

Section 2 – Report

2.1 It is the current policy of the Authority to recognise the completion of 25 years' service on the part of the Members of the Council by awarding a framed, illuminated address of appreciation (Council Resolution of 18 July 1985).

2.1 Full Council must agree any change or abandonment of this policy.

2.3 A long service award was last made in September 2022 to Councillor Jerry Miles. Councillor Simon Brown met this distinction in May 2023.

Councillor Simon Brown

Councillor Simon Brown was first elected to the Council in May 1986 for Stanmore South ward and served until 2002. He was then re-elected as the ward Councillor for Headstone South in May 2014 and served until 2022. Following the Borough Elections of 2022 when Councillor Brown was returned to serve as a Member for the Headstone Ward, he will in the lifetime of this Council (in May 2023) attain the required 25 years' service.

Councillor Brown held various Portfolio Holder roles between 2014 – 2022 with a particular focus on Adults and has served on various Council Committees including Cabinet, Planning Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board, Corporate Parenting Panel, Education Committee, Policy and Resources Committee and Education Consultative Committee.

 Councillor Brown has represented the Council on numerous outside bodies including Bentley Priory Nature Reserve Management Committee, Harrow Heritage Trust Executive Committee, London Councils' Children and Young People Lead Member, London Councils' Grants Committee (Associated Joint Committee), London Councils' Health and Adult Services Lead Member,

Middlesex Guildhall Art Collection and Trust Fund and Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education.

The Council is requested to record its appreciation of the public service rendered by Councillor Simon Brown, in the form of the following resolution:

<u>**Councillor Simon Brown BSc (Econ).:**</u>

<u>**Recognition of Long Service**</u>

"The Council of the London Borough of Harrow do hereby record their appreciation of the twenty-five years' service by Councillor Simon Brown to the London Borough of Harrow.

In recognition of his completion of twenty-five years of public service to Harrow, this resolution be engrossed on vellum and publicly presented to Councillor Brown at the Council Meeting in November 2023."

2.4   The costs for the long service awards will be met from existing budgets.

2.5   This report is submitted, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Simon Brown.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Statutory Officer: Sharon Daniels
Signed by the Chief Financial Officer

Date: 10 August 2023

Statutory Officer: Jessica Farmer
Signed by the Monitoring Officer

Date: 8 September 2023

Chief Officer: Alex Dewsnap
Signed by the Managing Director

Date: 8 August 2023

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: NO

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Alison Atherton, Senior Professional Democratic Services
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Background Papers: Election records, Committee Memberships

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1. Consultation   YES
2. Priorities   NO