

REPORT FOR: ANNUAL COUNCIL

Date of Meeting:	19 May 2015
Subject:	Recognition of Long Service: Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart – Director of Legal and Governance Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Purpose and Recommendations

1. Summary

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 Long Service Awards to Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council is requested to approve Long Service Awards marking Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce's 25 years service as Members for Harrow Council in May 2015.

Section 2 - Background

- 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 May 2011 to Councillor Lurline Champagne OBE and posthumously to Councillor John Cowan. Two Members, Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce, will achieve this distinction in May 2015.

Councillor Camilla Bath

Councillor Camilla Bath was first elected to the Council in May 1990 and has served continuously to date. Following the Borough Elections of 2014 when Councillor Bath was returned to serve as a Member for the Stanmore Park Ward, she will in the lifetime of this Council (in May 2015) attain the required 25 years' service.

Councillor Bath has served on various Council Committees including Cabinet, Licensing and General Purposes Committee, Education, Arts and Leisure Committee, Employees' Consultative Forum and Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel. In that time, she variously held the offices of Portfolio Holder for Housing, Chair of the Development Control Committee, the Tenants', Leaseholders' and Residents' Consultative Forum, the School Placement Panel and the Call-In Sub-Committee (Education). She also held the office of Vice-Chair of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education. Councillor Bath has also served on the Personnel Appeals Panel and Social Services Appeals Panel. Councillor Bath has represented the Council on numerous outside bodies including Bentley Priory Nature Reserve Management Committee, Deputy Lord Lieutenant's Committee, John Pardoe Charity, Middlesex Guildhall Collection and Trust Fund and on various London Councils' bodies.

In the municipal year 2013/14, Councillor Bath held the office of Deputy Mayor and represented the Mayor on eighty-eight separate occasions at local community and voluntary organisational, inter-borough and civic events. Councillor Bath has always shown strong support for uniformed, cadet and ex-service organisations and during her year as Deputy Mayor chaired the Army Benevolent Fund (Harrow Branch) as well as providing encouragement for charitable fundraisers including the Help4Hero's Charity.

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

Councillor Camilla Bath:
Recognition of Long Service

“The Council of the London Borough of Harrow do hereby record their appreciation of the twenty five years’ service by Councillor Camilla Bath to the London Borough of Harrow.

In recognition of her completion of twenty-five years of public service to Harrow, this resolution be engrossed on vellum and publicly presented to Councillor Bath, at the Council Meeting in September 2015.”

Councillor Christopher Noyce

Councillor Noyce was first elected to the Council in May 1986 and, other than a break from 2002-2006, has served continuously to date. Following the Borough Elections of 2014 when Councillor Noyce was returned to serve as a Member for the Rayners Lane Ward, he will in the lifetime of this Council (in May 2015) attain the required 25 years’ service.

Councillor Noyce has served on various Council Committees including Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chief Officers’ Employment Panel, Policy and Resources Committee, Resources Committee, Development Control Committee, the Assessment Sub-Committee and Hearing Review Sub-Committee. He held the position of Chair of Policy and Resources. Councillor Noyce has also represented the Council on the Harrow Refugee and Minorities Forum.

Councillor Noyce pursued his parliamentary ambitions for Harrow in 1992 when he stood as candidate in Harrow West in 1992, 2001, 2006 and latterly in 2010.

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

Councillor Christopher D Noyce MA (Hons) (Oxon) Solicitor:
Recognition of Long Service

“The Council of the London Borough of Harrow do hereby record their appreciation of the twenty five years’ service by Councillor Christopher Noyce 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 Noyce by the Mayor, at the Council Meeting in September 2015.”

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 Conservative Group and Councillors Camilla Bath and Christopher Noyce.

Financial Implications

The costs associated with the vellums will be met from within existing budgets.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Simon George	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 18 April 2015		
Name: Linda Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 30 April 2015		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Election records, Committee memberships