

Meeting:	Council
Date:	26 April 2007
Subject:	Recognition of Long Service: Councillor Romain
Responsible Officer:	Director of Legal & Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote - Leader
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the proposal for a long service award to Councillor Richard Romain.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Council is requested to approve a long service award marking Councillor Romain's 25 years service as a Councillor in May 2007.

REASON: 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.”

Councillor Romain will attain 25 years' continuous service as a Councillor in May 2007.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

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 addresses of appreciation (Council Resolution of 18 July 1985).

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

Long service awards were last made in May 1999 to Councillors Cripps and Toms. One Member, Councillor Romain, will achieve this distinction in May 2007.

Councillor Romain was first elected to the Council in May 1982 and has served continuously to date. Following the Borough Elections of 2006 when Councillor Romain was returned to serve as a Member for the Canons Ward, he will in the lifetime of this Council (in May 2007) attain the required 25 years' service.

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

Councillor Richard Romain: 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 Richard Romain to the London Borough of Harrow.

Councillor Richard Romain was first elected in May 1982 as Councillor for the Stanmore South Ward, which he represented for the first 4 years. He was re-elected in May 1986 for the Canons Ward, which he has represented continuously until the present time. He is currently serving his seventh consecutive period in office. Councillor Romain was Leader of the Conservative Group from 1994 to 1996.

Councillor Romain has served on various Council Committees, including the Education Committee and the Development Control Committee. However, his particular interest has been with environmental issues, giving rise to extended service on the General Purposes Services Committee and subsequently the Environment Services Committee. In that time he variously held the offices of Chair of the Environment Services Committee, Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Services Committee and Chair of the Traffic and Transport Sub-Committee. He was the Chairman of the Anne Frank Committee, from 1988 to 1989, and was successful in bringing the Anne Frank Exhibition to Harrow in 1989. Councillor Romain first served on the Policy and Resources Committee in 1988/9, commencing a period of continuous service over the next ten years on that Committee in its various strategic guises, and additionally on the Resources Committee when this operated as a separate entity. When these arrangements were overtaken by the restructuring under the Local Government Act 2000, Councillor Romain served as a member of the first Cabinets between 2000 and 2003. Councillor Romain has also served on the Audit Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Romain has represented the Council on numerous outside bodies including 12 years on the West London Waste Authority, serving as Chairman

from 1991 to 1996, Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Service, the London Home and Water Safety Council and Age Concern Greater London.

In recognition of his completion in May 2007 of twenty-five years of public service to Harrow, this resolution be engrossed on vellum and publicly presented to Councillor Romain by the Mayor, at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2007.”

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

It may be noted that no other Members will attain 25 years’ service during the life of this Council, up to 2010.

This report is submitted following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Councillor Romain.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name Myfanwy Barrett
		Date: 21 March 2007
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Hugh Peart
		Date: 22 March 2007

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers: None

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	N/A
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	N/A