

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 29TH APRIL, 2024

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 11TH APRIL, 2024

“C310 PROPOSAL TO GRANT FREEMEN AND FREEWOMEN STATUS TO THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to consider granting the members of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) (Vale of Glamorgan), a registered charity in the Vale of Glamorgan, the title of Honorary Freemen and Honorary Freewomen in recognition of their distinguished service to residents and visitors of the Vale of Glamorgan in the RNLI's 200th anniversary year with the freedom ceremony to be held on Saturday, 1st June, 2024 on Barry Island.

The Leader was delighted to bring the report to Cabinet for consideration having mentioned the intention for the proposal at Full Council recently. The RNLI in the Vale of Glamorgan had provided exceptional service to their communities. If the recommendations to the report were to be agreed, the matter would be referred to Full Council for consideration, and if passed by a two-thirds majority, would be presented at the Festival of the Sea at Barry Island on 1st or 2nd June, 2024.

The RNLI had also been supportive in providing mental health support and have a bench on Penarth Esplanade as a recognition of need to support their community.

Councillor Sivagnanam supported the recommendations which demonstrated the power of volunteering and associated expertise alongside working in partnership with the Council to support residents of the Vale of Glamorgan in all its resorts.

Councillor Brooks looked forward to seeing the proposal being considered by Full Council, and if agreed, part of the Festival of the Sea in June.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Full Council that pursuant to their powers under Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council confer upon the members of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in the Vale of Glamorgan the title of Honorary Freemen and Freewomen of the

County Borough in recognition of the distinguished service history within the Vale of Glamorgan.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources to ensure the honour was commemorated during the planned Festival of the Sea event scheduled to take place at Barry Island on 1st and 2nd June, 2024.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To consider the granting of Freeman and Freewomen status to members of the RNLI in the Vale of Glamorgan in pursuance of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

(2) To allow arrangements to be made to commemorate the proposed Freeman and Freewomen status.”