

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CIVIC HONOURS SUB-COMMITTEE

26th November 2025

A meeting of the Civic Honours Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday, 26th November 2025.

Present

Councillor C. Watkins (Chair)

Councillors S. Hey, B. Saru, and S. Markham (substitute for K. Wilson)

Apologies: K. Wilson

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

CHSC04 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Civic Honours Sub-committee held on 24th September 2025 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CHSC05 **Declarations of Interest**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the schedule which can be viewed on the website. The following additional interests were declared:

Councillors S. Markham, B. Saru, S. Hey, C. Watkins declared that in relation item 9 – Civic Awards - Public Nominations they had either proposed or seconded a nomination that was being considered at the meeting in private session.

Councillor B. Saru declared an other interest by way of no longer being appointed President of the British Gurka Veteran Association and is now holding the position of Advisor.

CHSC06 **Appointment of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman and Honorary Freeman/Freewoman**

The Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance presented a report giving an overview of the appointment process for the appointment of the above awards.

RESOLVED that

a) the contents of the report be noted; and

- b) no additional nominations of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman and Honorary Freeman/Freewomen were put forward for consideration.

CHSC07 **Any Other Items**
None

CHSC08 **Exclusion of Public and Press**
RESOLVED that that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CHSC09 **Civic Honours – Public Nominations**
A report of the Assistant Director – Democracy and Governance was submitted to update the sub-committee on the process which has enabled members of the public to nominate others for a civic award. The sub-committee considered the nominations that had been submitted.

RESOLVED that

a) the following nominations be approved:

- E.D to receive Mayoral Award
- G.G to receive the Borough Award of Merit
- J.B to receive the Honorary Award of Freeman of the Borough subject to Full Council approval
- P.B.G to receive the Honorary Award of Freeman of the Borough subject to Full Council approval
- A.S and J.S to receive the Borough Award of Merit
- E.T to receive the Honorary Award of Freeman of the Borough subject to Full Council approval
- S.S to receive the Borough Award of Merit
- G.T.F to receive the Borough Award of Merit
- K.W to receive the Honorary Award of Freeman of the Borough subject to Full Council approval; and

b) it be recommended to Cabinet to endorse the Head of Paid Service to refer any nomination to an Extraordinary Full Council scheduled for Wednesday 28th January 2026 for the purpose of voting upon the nominations of Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

Chair