

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

Freeman/Woman of the Town Policy

“Honorary Freeman or Honorary Freewoman of the Town Policy”

By virtue of section 249(5) and (6) of the 1972 Local Government Act, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, the Town Council is able to award a Title of Dignity to a person in recognition of significant contributions being made to the local community. Sandy Town Council may award an “Honorary Freeman of the Town” or “Honorary Freewoman of the Town”.

The candidates must meet the following criteria:

- The nominee has been a Town Councillor but has now retired from this post and has made an outstanding contribution, or, rendered eminent service to the Council during their term of office.

or

- The nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the local community over a period of more than 25 years.

There is no limit to the number of nominations or holders of the title but the nature of the nomination criteria means that it is unlikely the honour will be bestowed frequently. It is intended that the award will confer distinction.

When a nomination has been received it will be considered by a Special Meeting of the Town Council. The motion must be approved by no less than two-thirds of the Members at the meeting.

Following the resolution that an award is to be made the title of “Honorary Freeman (or woman) of the Town” will be granted by the Town Mayor and the title holder presented with an address citing the grounds for the award. The presentation will be made at the Annual Town Meeting.