

Report to COUNCIL

Civic Appreciation Nomination 2020

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Reason for Decision

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to a nomination for Myra Wyers to receive the Civic Appreciation Award, in recognition of her service and dedication to the local community and the borough of Oldham.

The nomination has been put forward by Group Leaders.

Executive Summary

Myra Wyers is being proposed for this award in recognition of her significant voluntary contribution and dedication to the local community and borough of Oldham.

Myra has been involved with many local charities including Oldham Disability Alliance, Disability Arts Group and Action Together. She is a great supporter of the Mayoralty and the Mayor's charitable causes.

Myra started the Disability Arts Group (DAG) over 30 years ago in the then disability centre, New Vale House. She was instrumental in the replacement and relocation of the centre and played a big part in planning the design of the Link Centre to make sure it was accessible for people with a range of disabilities.

The Disability Arts Group meet several times a week and enjoy handicrafts, painting and to share social time. Myra is herself a wheelchair user but gives up her time, and utilises her creativity to support people through organising and leading the DAG and also supports individuals personally.

Myra is a fantastic champion of disability rights in Oldham

Recommendations

It is recommended that Myra Wyers be considered for the nomination for the Civic Appreciation Award 2020. If the Award is approved, the Ceremony will take place prior to the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 March 2020.