

Civic Appreciation Award

Report to COUNCIL

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Reason for Decision

The purpose of the report is to consider the nomination of the Oldham Scottish Pipe Band to receive the Civic Appreciation Award, in recognition of their service and dedication to the local community and the borough of Oldham.

Executive Summary

The Oldham Scottish Pipe Band are being proposed for this award in recognition of their significant voluntary contribution and dedication to the local community and borough of Oldham. Having been established in 1926, the band was founded by Scottish workers in Oldham who shared a love for bagpipes and highland music, some of whom had backgrounds in Scottish army regiments.

The Oldham Scottish Pipe Band have gone on to represent Oldham and have performed in local and national events and travelled internationally, including trips to Ireland, Germany, France, Belgium, and the Royal Mile in Edinburgh.

Always a supporter of Oldham's major civic events including the Festival of Remembrance, Mayoral Sunday, Santa parade and the full diary of Royal British Legion memorial events, the band are also known for performing at local community and charity events and are a significant presence in the Borough. They support a variety of fund-raising activities and give up their free time in order to represent and support the people of Oldham.

Recommendation

That the Oldham Scottish Pipe Band be considered for the nomination of the Civic Appreciation Award 2026, in recognition of their service and dedication to the local community and the borough of Oldham.
