

## **Report to COUNCIL**

# **Civic Appreciation Nomination 2018**

Report of the Chief Executive

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### **Reason for Decision**

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to a nomination for Reverend Jean Hurlston to receive the Civic Appreciation Award.

The nomination has been put forward by Group Leaders.

### **Executive Summary**

Reverend Jean Hurlston is being proposed for this award in recognition of her significant voluntary contribution and dedication to the community and borough of Oldham.

Reverend Jean Hurlston, Associate Priest of Oldham Parish Church has recently been appointed as the Borough Dean for Oldham. She is also the first female Church of England chaplain at Manchester Airport.

Jean has worked in the voluntary sector for over 30 years and has contributed and led to the delivery of a broad range of community projects.

Passionate about Oldham and its community, Jean set up a scheme in 2012 – known as Oldham's Street Angels. The scheme, of which Jean is co-ordinator and founder, has volunteers from a number of faiths. Oldham Street Angels help local people and work with a range of partners across the borough, including the council, St John's Ambulance, Greater Manchester Police and the Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group.

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Jean and her dedicated band of volunteers give up a number of hours from 11pm every Saturday night to make sure that people feel safe within the Town Centre. They help visitors to our town centre in any way they can; preventing them from becoming involved in crime; offering treatment if they are injured; escorting them to safety; as well as providing other appropriate and sensible support.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that Reverend Jean Hurlston is to be considered for the nomination for the Civic Appreciation Award 2018. If the Award is made, the Ceremony will take place prior to the meeting of Full Council on 28 March 2018.

The nomination has been considered and agreed following consultation with Group Leaders.