

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**

**14 May 2012**

**Report of the Chief Leisure Officer and the  
Cabinet Member for Leisure, Youth and Arts**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken  
by the Cabinet Member)**

**1 2012 COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Summary**

**This report brings forward a recommendation for the 2012 Coach of the Year Award together with a special Lifetime Achievement Award.**

**1.1 Background**

- 1.1.1 Members will be aware that this Borough has an excellent structure of sports clubs and colleges, which give a high priority to developing sporting talent. Tonbridge and Malling is one of only a small number of local authorities with two Sports Colleges – The Hayesbrook School in Tonbridge and Aylesford School in the north of the Borough. The success of sport in the Borough is assisted by a number of highly dedicated and committed coaches, who give up much of their spare time voluntarily for others.
- 1.1.2 At the 10 January 2005 meeting of this Board (Decision 050110CAB009), a Lifetime Achievement Award for athletics coaching was awarded to the late Dave Arnold, and it was agreed that in future a Coach of the Year Award be established and nominations be considered by this Board. A number of criteria for judging nominations were approved by Members and it was agreed that an Award Panel, including the Chairman of the Tonbridge Sports Association, the Council's Sports Development Officer, a sports coach and the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Youth and Arts should consider the nominations received and make its recommendations to this Board.
- 1.1.3 To mark Olympic Year, it was felt appropriate to include an additional sporting award, in recognition of those who dedicate many years to their sport, often in ways that go unrecognised. A Lifetime Achievement in Sport Award has therefore been included for 2012.

## **1.2 Nominations Received**

- 1.2.1 Nomination forms were sent to sports clubs, schools, Parish Councils and displayed in Larkfield Leisure Centre, the Angel Centre, Tonbridge Pool and Poult Wood Golf Centre. In addition, details of the Award were posted on the Council's website.
- 1.2.2 A number of nominations were received for the Coach of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement in Sport Award.

## **1.3 Award Panel Recommendation**

- 1.3.1 The Award Panel met on 24 April 2012 to consider this year's nominees, and to make its recommendation to this Board.
- 1.3.2 The Panel unanimously agreed that the 2012 Coach of the Year Award should be made to cricket coach, Gary Marshall and the Lifetime Achievement Award should be made to Tony Mulcuck of Ditton Bowls Club.
- 1.3.3 Gary Marshall is the Director of Cricket and the Colts Coordinator at Cowdrey Cricket Club in Tonbridge. The Club has over 130 colt members, thereby securing the long term future of the Club. Gary is also the coach for the Tonbridge and Malling Under 10s and Under 14s district cricket squads and regularly carries out coaching sessions at local primary schools.
- 1.3.4 Tony Mulcuck has been involved in sport for over forty years, as a player (County and England representation), team captain, umpire, coach, President and Chairman. Despite being almost 80 years of age, Tony is still heavily involved in lawn and short mat bowls, encouraging both young and older residents to participate in the sport. Tony still organises the annual Tonbridge and Malling Short Mat Bowls competition in support of the Mayor's Charity.

## **1.4 Legal Implications**

- 1.4.1 None.

## **1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.5.1 The engraved glass trophies awarded to the recipients cost approximately £150 each.

## **1.6 Risk Assessment**

- 1.6.1 None.

## **1.7 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 1.7.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

## 1.8 Policy Considerations

1.8.1 Community, Young People.

## 1.9 Recommendation

1.9.1 It is **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that:

- 1) the 2012 Coach of the Year Award be made to Gary Marshall for his achievements in the development of cricket; and
- 2) the 2012 Lifetime Achievement in Sport Award be made to Tony Mulcuck in recognition of his dedication to the sport of lawn and short mat bowls.

The Chief Leisure Officer confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The award marks the achievements of individuals.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	As above.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*