



COUNCIL – 17TH NOVEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF BOROUGH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

1. The report sought a decision on whether the Cabinet wishes to recommend that Council admit as Honorary Freemen of the Borough the Royal British Legion in recognition of their 100 Year Anniversary on 15th May 2021 and to honour the charitable work of the organisation supporting ex-service men and women and their families.
2. It was noted that under Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 a Borough Council can grant the Freedom of the Borough to "persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough". In order to grant the Freedom of the Borough, a resolution must be passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose.
3. Cabinet noted the considerable work undertaken by the Royal British Legion to support Service and ex-Service personnel and their families and drew particular attention to the current pandemic and its restrictions, and the alternative fundraising suggestions and activities being undertaken by the Royal British Legion on respect of the Poppy Appeal.
4. The recommendation of the attached report was considered and Cabinet unanimously recommend to Council that.
 - (i) In pursuance of Section 249 (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council confers upon the Royal British Legion in 2021, the Freedom of the County Borough of Caerphilly.

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Appendices: Report to Cabinet 28th October 2020 – Agenda Item 6.