

NOMINATION FOR FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

1. Name of the person or organisation being nominated for Freedom of the Borough.

Cllr David Williams MBE JP

2. Freedom of the Borough is a high honour which should only be awarded in exceptional circumstances where the prospective recipient is an individual or organisation of distinction and has rendered eminent services to the borough.

Candidates should have a strong and continuing connection with and commitment to Merton or have made a major contribution to national life and in doing so have enhanced the reputation of the borough.

Candidates should have made a substantial contribution to the borough in any area of activity, which could include:

- artistic and cultural endeavours
- business, economic growth and prosperity
- charitable work
- improvement to the built and natural environment
- religious and spiritual life
- sports activities
- civic service

The award may be granted posthumously.

3. The award of the Freedom of the Borough requires support of 2/3 of Council. Nominations should therefore first be discussed within your political group and, where appropriate, with other group leaders. In your opinion, is the nomination likely to achieve the required 2/3 support at Council?

YES

NO

- 4. Please use the box below to outline your nominee's outstanding achievements in the Borough or on the international stage which have brought pride and satisfaction to the Borough. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.**

Cllr Williams was first elected in 1974 in Cannon Hill and remained as a Cannon Hill councillor until 1987 when he stood down to pursue a career abroad. Cllr Williams was again elected in Hillside in 1990 and has remained as a Hillside councillor ever since.

In 2006 Cllr Williams became the Leader of Merton Council and led the council until 2010. In addition, he has also served as leader of the opposition and Mayor of Merton in 2012/13.

In the 2019 Queens Birthday Honours Cllr Williams was awarded an MBE, he has also served as a magistrate since 1986.

- 5. Nomination submitted by:**

Councillor_Nick McLean Date 24/2/22

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