

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : NALC Gold Award Submission
Committee : Full Council
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1. Report Summary:

- 1.1. This report provides information about the National Association of Local Council (NALC) Local Council Award scheme and Salisbury City Council's proposed submission for Quality Gold Award.

2. Background:

- 2.1. The NALC Local Council Award exists to celebrate the success of the very best local councils, and to provide a framework to support all local councils to meet their full potential.
- 2.2. There are 3 levels of the Local Council Award Scheme;
 - 2.2.1. **The Foundation Award** demonstrates that a council meets the requirements for operating lawfully and according to standard practice
 - 2.2.2. **The Quality Award** demonstrates that a council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement.
 - 2.2.3. **The Quality Gold Award** demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development.
- 2.3. In order for a Council to qualify for one award they must also fulfil the criteria of the level as set out in the NALC scheme application form and guidance documents.
- 2.4. Salisbury City Council propose to submit an application for the Quality Gold Award. The Quality Gold Award demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development. Quality Gold councils provide leadership for their communities, bring people together, have excellent business planning processes, ensuring value for money as well as constantly seeking new innovations and opportunities to improve. They highlight the very best we, as a sector, can achieve for our communities

3. SCC's Quality Gold Award Submission:

- 3.1. Officers have drafted and collated the Quality Gold Award submission, including 5 written statements which form part of the application.
- 3.2. This has been a valuable and informative exercise for officers to ensure all documents are published as required and to collate evidence of the excellent work carried out across the council.

- 3.3. If the recommendations are agreed at the meeting of Full Council, officers will complete the submission (application form and supporting documents) and submit these for assessment as soon as possible to the Wiltshire Association of Local Council (WALC), the local branch of NALC.
- 3.4. SCC's submission will be assessed by a panel drawn up by WALC, who will provide feedback on SCC's application within two months of its submission.

4. Recommendations:

4.1. It is recommended that:

- 4.1.1. Salisbury City Council resolves that it meets the criteria for the Quality Gold Award as set out in the NALC Guidance.
- 4.1.2. Officers are instructed to finalise the application form and supporting papers, and submit to WALC as soon as completed.

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background papers: NALC Award Scheme Information can be found on the [website](#).

7. Implications:

- 7.1. **Financial:** NALC's fund for the assessment of application is £200.
- 7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.4. **Environmental Impact :** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report