



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC23/061

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
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Report Title:-	Mayoral Activity
Wards Affected:-	All

**1. Purpose of Report**

To advise the committee on Mayoral activities

**2. Recommendations**

Members are asked to note the report and re-consider the age limit on mayoral cadets.

**3. Information – Mayoral events**

3.1. The Mayor’s “chill off “ event took place in mid December, with about 50 taking part. It raised some £250 for the mayoral charities.

3.2. Other planned events are :-

7 <sup>th</sup> February	Bhangra Class	Kettering Science Academy
8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Womens Day	KGH Social Club
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Big Kettering Quiz	Kettering Rugby Club

To date, the Mayor has raised £1635 for her charities.

3.3. As at the end of January the Mayor will have attended 158 engagements, and chaired three Town meetings. The Deputy Mayor will have attended 10 engagements.

- 3.4. The Mayor also undertook to chair a task group of interested organisations to promote information sharing and collaboration on mental health services, arising from the Town Meeting discussion on this subject in September. The group has met four times, and has agreed material to be made available to the public in electronic and paper formats.
- 3.5. A meeting was held with Wicksteed Park in December to start planning Love Food for September 2024, which the Mayor attended with officers, to feed back on the 2023 event and consider how the 2024 might work. Wicksteed are keen to host the event and to broaden out its scope and duration over time.

#### **4. Coat of Arms and mace**

- 4.1. The artwork for the coat of arms has been ordered and is expected by the end of February. The insurers have agreed to cover the cost of the repairs to the mace and this also should be ready at the end of February.

#### **5. Mayoral Cadet**

- 5.1. At the last meeting it was agreed to reintroduce the practice of appointing a Mayoral cadet each year, and it will be for each Mayor to decide if they wish to do that. Contact has been made with the local cadet forces to gauge their interest. To date, both the sea cadets and the air cadets have expressed an interest. The sea cadets however do not have any cadets over 18 and are asking for the Council to reconsider their age limit on the role. If a new age limit of 16 was applied, it would widen out the role to more people, but the Council would have to put some safeguarding arrangements in place. Other cadet appointments – e.g. to the lord Lieutenant and other mayors, apply below 18.

#### **6. Consultation and Engagement**

Consultation has taken place with the cadet groups re the appointment of a Mayoral cadet.

#### **7. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications**

- 7.1. The excess on the insurance for the mace is £250. This is dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

#### **8. Climate change implications**

None

## **9. Policy Implications**

The Council's policy is to support the Mayoralty as a means of generating civic pride and identify, and for the Mayor to embody and represent the town internally and externally.

### Background Papers

Correspondence with Zurich Municipal  
Exchanges with cadet groups.

