



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- FC23/079

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
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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

**3. Information – Mayoral events**

3.1. Forthcoming planned Mayoral events are :-:-

13 <sup>th</sup> March	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 £2100 for her charities, £1500 of which has been distributed to the two charities already. .

3.2. As at the end of February the Mayor will have attended 170 engagements, and chaired four Town meetings. The Deputy Mayor will have attended 11 engagements.

3.3. The Mayor is supporting the design and arrangements for the First Summer Saturday on 29<sup>th</sup> April which is themed to support her charities and to have a folk/traditional profile. it will feature a maypole dancing demonstration and folk music.

3.4. The Mayor has been chairing 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 a number of times, and has agreed material to be made available to the public in electronic and paper formats, which has and is being distributed around venues and groups in town. The LAP is looking at funding some additional “z cards” which provide a physical aide memoire about all local mental health services.

- 3.5. Following the meeting held with Wicksteed Park in December to start planning Love Food for September 2024, follow up work has been carried out by officers and by the Mayor who is seeking to engage community groups in the event planning.. Wicksteed are keen to host the event and to broaden out its scope and duration over time,

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

- 4.1. The mace has been repaired. Artwork for the coat of arms has been delivered and work on a new pendant has been authorised. An image of the coat of arms is attached at the end of this report. The total cost of mace, artwork and new pendant have all varied from the original estimates but the total costs remain within the overall budget provision for this year and next.
- 4.2. The robes, mace, chains and gavel will all be re-valued in early 2024 and quotes are being sought from Gildings and from a robe specialist. A valuation of these items has not taken place since before 2019.

#### **5. Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

- 6.1. The cost of the works to the mace, the artwork and the new pendant adds up to £5760 which is being funded by:-
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| - Insurance                | £2745  |
| - Reserves                 | £1035  |
| - 23/24 budget allocation  | £1770  |
| - 24/25 budget allocation. | £ 880, leaving £720 for regalia and other insignia costs in 24/45. |

#### **7. Climate change implications**

None

#### **8. 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.

APPENDIX – IMAGE OF COAT OF ARMS



