



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- FC23/077

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	1 st May 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

3. Information – Mayoral events

3.1. In the last two months, the Mayor has hosted the following events

8 th March	International Womens Day	KGH Social Club
13 th March	Bhangra Class	Kettering Science Academy
12 th April	Big Kettering Quiz	Kettering Rugby Club

To date, the Mayor has raised £3515 for her charities, £1500 of which has been distributed to the two charities already. £1200 was raised at the Kettering Quiz on 12th April.

3.2. As at the end of April the Mayor will have attended 312 engagements, and chaired four Town meetings. The Deputy Mayor will have attended 15 engagements.

3.3. The Mayor supported the design and arrangements for the First Summer Saturday on 29th April which was themed to support her charities and to have a folk/traditional profile, with a maypole lent by St Peters School. It will also feature a litter picking competition, arranged in conjunction with Rotary Club, for which a trophy has been bought, which can be re-awarded annually.

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 funding some the design and printing of “z cards” which provide a physical aide memoire about all local mental health services.

4. Coat of Arms, mace and regalia.

The mace has been repaired. Artwork for the coat of arms has been delivered and the new pendant has been made and should arrive this week.

5. Consultation and Engagement

The Air Cadets have been asked to appoint someone to be Mayor’s cadet for the coming Mayoral year; Corporal Matilda Field has bene nominated and is due to be appointed at Annual Council.

6. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

The Mayoral robes have been valued at £2369. The mace, chains and gavel will all be re-valued shortly and quotes sought from two companies; a valuation of these items has not taken place since before 2019.

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.

Background Papers

Related correspondence