



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- FC24/54

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	22 nd January 2025
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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 activity

- 3.1. As at the end of January , the Mayor will have attended 70 engagements and chaired two Town meetings. The Deputy Mayor will have attended 8 engagements.
- 3.2. The Mayor’s regular monthly column is appearing in the Evening Telegraph.
- 3.3. The Mayor also took part in the Great North Run to raise money for the Mayoral Charity, MIND
- 3.4. The Christmas Tree Festival in late December opened at St Andrews church from the 14th December, with 20 groups participating . The best tree award went to William St Community Garden with a prize of £100. The Mayor, together with Rotary Club and the church, hosted a town carol service on 19th December at SS Peter and Paul’s church, which was very well attended.
- 3.5. A quiz night will be held on 7th February at Barton Hall to raise funds for the Mayor’s charity
- 3.6. The Deputy Mayor’s Christmas party for children who would not otherwise enjoy much of a Christmas took place on 7th December at the Corn Market Hall - about 30 children attended plus parents.

3.7. The Mayor has raised £750 through his Just Giving page and £110 from beer sales to date. Events and contributions over Christmas (carol service, bands in the town centre and lights switch on) raised £863.

4. Consultation and Engagement

None applicable

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

None

6. Climate change implications

None

7. Policy Implications

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

Background Papers

None