



## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- FC24/033

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Author:-	Martin Hammond, Clerk
Report Title:-	Mayoral Activity
Wards Affected:-	All

### 1. Purpose of Report

To advise the committee on Mayoral activities

### 2. Recommendations

Members are asked to

- a) note the report and
- b) agree that any residual costs of a Mayoral Christmas tree festival in the parish church can be borne from the events budget.

### 3. Information – Mayoral activity

3.1. As at the end of September, the Mayor will have attended 27 engagements and chaired two Town meetings. The Deputy Mayor will have attended 4 engagements.

3.2. The Mayor's regular monthly column is appearing in the Evening Telegraph.

3.3. The Mayor is aiming to provide a Christmas Tree Festival to take place in late December. The idea is that each tree is "owned" by a local group and decorated to publicise their work and to promote what they do, with up to 20 trees to be taken up. A suitable venue is being sought. He has been able to secure free trees, but stands will need to be bought. It is likely that this will cost about £400. The Mayoral budget will struggle to afford this sum so it is suggested that the events budget might be better able to accommodate it.

3.4. A quiz night will be held in February at Barton Hall to raise funds for the Mayor's charity

3.5. The Deputy Mayor is seeking to provide a Christmas party for up to 50 children who would not otherwise enjoy much of a Christmas; discussions are underway with Homestart, NNC and the Lighthouse Theatre about potential arrangements. The Deputy Mayor will use some of his ward initiatives money to help meet the costs of the event.

**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