

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 3

Subject: Mayoral Report 2022/23

Date of meeting: 25 May 2023

Report of: Chief Executive

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Ward(s) affected: All

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

1.1 This report informs the Council of the activities of the Mayor, Cllr Lizzie Deane during the civic year 2022-23.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the report be noted.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Mayor is the first citizen of Brighton and Hove and carries out a range of civic and ceremonial duties, representing the council across the city and around the region. The Mayor of Brighton and Hove is not directly elected, holds no direct power and is politically neutral during their term in office. The role is purely civic and ceremonial.

3.2 The Mayor selected Father Dominic Keech from St Nicholas Church to act as her Chaplain.

3.3 The Mayor supported the following charities during her Mayoral year: All Sorts, Brighton Fringe, Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England, Fareshare, Martlets, New Note Orchestra, Off the Fence, Sussex Heart Charity and Team Domenica.

3.4 Engagements were back to pre-Covid numbers during the Mayoral Year and the Mayor attended 418 engagements and events during her term in office (for a breakdown please see appendix 1) with support from the Deputy Mayor and former Mayor Cllr Alan Robins.

3.5 The Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen was celebrated with a picnic in the Royal Pavilion gardens, in partnership with Brighton Fringe on the 4th of June 2022.

- 3.6 With the announcement of HM the Queen having passed away on the 8 September, Operation London Bridge was triggered, with the local proclamation taking place on the 11 September from the Royal Pavilion balcony. The proclamation was filmed and available on the Council website. A Civic church service was held on the eve of the funeral on the 18 September in All Saints church.
- 3.7 An exhibition of portraits of Charles III was held to coincide with the King's Coronation on the 6 May 2023. The portraits were made by local school children with 16 schools taking part resulting in an exhibition of 1816 portraits being on display in Hove Museum of Creativity (5 May to the 4 June 2023).
- 3.8 The Mayor undertakes many different duties including Chairing meetings of Full Council, representing the council at public, civic and ceremonial events both in and outside the city, acting as an ambassador for the city and working with a wide range of local organisations.
- 3.9 Further highlights of the Mayoral year included:
- Platinum Jubilee Street Parties
 - University Graduations
 - Citizenship Ceremonies
 - Remembrance Services across the City
 - Civic Advent Service
 - Children's Parade triggering the start of Brighton Festival
 - Chattri Memorial Service to honour the Indian soldiers that fought during WWI
 - Pride Festival
- 3.10 The Mayor hosted events in the Parlour throughout the year. Scout awards, school visits, meetings and charity events took place in the Council Chamber.
- 3.11 Acts of Remembrance across the city took place with big crowds gathering again this year for both Brighton and for Hove. The last service of the day attended by the Mayor was held in the Brighton Reform Synagogue and organised by the Association of Jewish ex Service Men and Women (AJEX).
- 3.12 The Mayor wishes to thank her Chaplain Father Dominic Keech from St Nicholas Church for his support throughout an exceptional year.
- 3.13 The Mayor would like to thank her Consort Henry Bruce for his support throughout the year.
- 3.14 The Mayor is grateful for the support of officers, the civic office team and those involved in helping to manage the council meetings.
- 3.15 The Mayor would like to thank the Deputy Mayor Cllr Jackie O'Quinn for her support in attending engagements.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 This is an annual report from the Mayor for information and there are no alternative options for consideration.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 No further consultation has been required for this report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 That the information contained in the report be noted.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis

Date: 150523

Legal Implications:

7.2 There are no legal implications arising.

Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Cubert

Date: 150423

Equalities Implications:

7.3 There are none arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

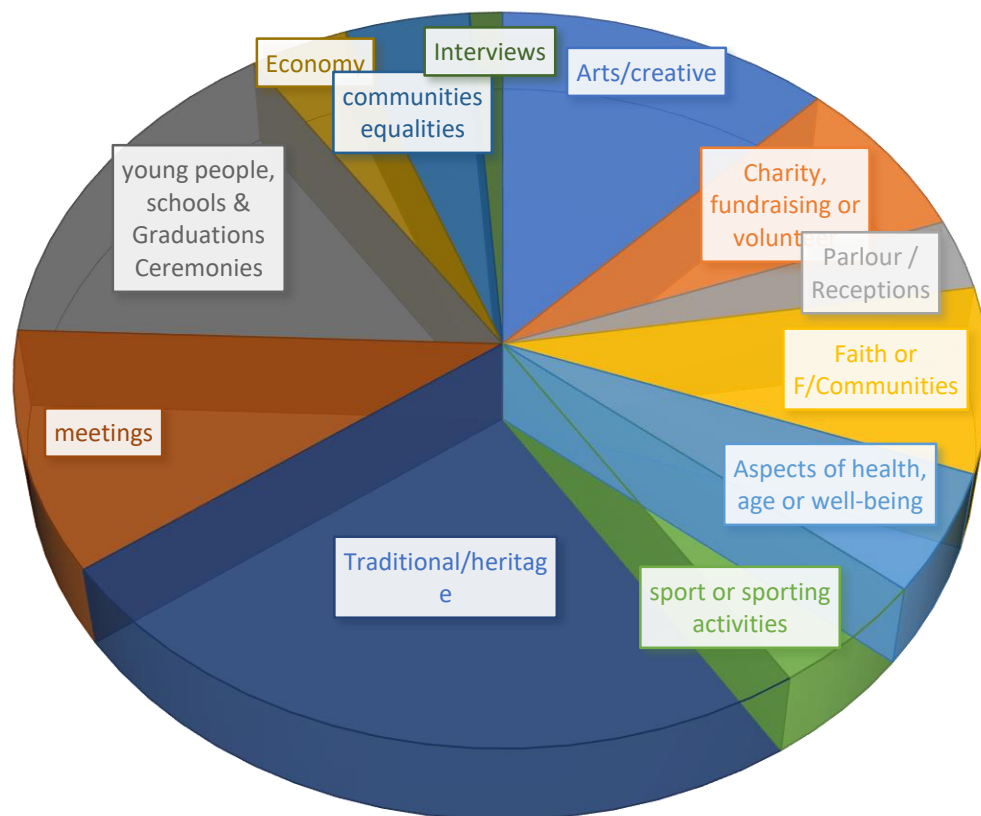
7.4 None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Type of Mayoral engagements pie chart

MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS CLLR. LIZZIE DEANE 2022 - 2023



Types of Engagements	Number of	Percent of
Arts/creative	51	12%
Charity, fundraising or volunteer	30	7%
Parlour / Receptions	13	3%
Faith or F/Communities	34	8%
Aspects of health, age or well-being	22	5%
Sport or sporting activities	21	5%
Traditional/heritage	101	24%
Meetings	44	11%
Young people, schools & Graduations Ceremonies	63	15%
Economy	15	4%
Communities equalities	19	5%
Interviews	5	1%

To note that certain engagements fit in to several classifications, for example Aspects of Health, Age and Wellbeing may be classified within Communities. The Platinum Jubilee, Proclamation, Coronation and Remembrance Services have been classified under Traditional/Heritage which is why that particular classification is more populated than the other engagement types this year.