

Annual Council12th May 2016**Agenda Item 2(A)**

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Mayoral Report 2015-16
Date of Meeting:	12th May 2016
Report of:	Chief Executive
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Ward(s) affected:	All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 This report informs Council of the activities of the Mayor, Councillor Lynda Hyde during the civic year 2015-16

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Mayor is the first citizen of Brighton & Hove and carries out a range of civic and ceremonial duties, representing the council at hundreds of events across the city and around the region.
- 3.2 Many organisations contact the Mayor's office to request mayoral presence at their events. The Mayors presence helps raise profile, generates publicity and increases opportunities for fund raising.
- 3.3 In addition, during their year of office the Mayor supports local charities; raising funds and boosting profile.
- 3.4 The Mayor of Brighton & Hove is not directly elected, holds no direct power and is politically neutral during their term of office. The role is purely civic and ceremonial.
- 3.5 The Mayor undertakes many different duties including:
- Chairing meetings of Full Council, including the council's budget setting meeting
 - Supporting the main aims of the council
 - Representing the council at public, civic and ceremonial events both in and outside of the city
 - Acting as an ambassador for the city and working with a wide range of local organisations

- 3.6 This year has seen a number of changes and innovations in relation to the Mayor and Mayoralty. Constitutional changes introduced last year reversed the previously operated Mayor/Deputy term and consequently this has allowed the current Deputy Mayor a year in which to acclimatise to the role. The reversal has also had the unintended and unique consequence that Cllr Lynda Hyde is the only Mayor of Brighton & Hove not to have been afforded Deputy duties.
- 3.7 As of January 2016 the Mayor's Office gained responsibility for the work of the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex. This prompted a name change from 'Mayor's Office' to 'Civic Office' and a similar amendment of title for the formally named 'Mayor's Office Manager'; now referred to as the 'Head of Civic Office and Assistant Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex'.
- 3.8 Martin Warren was formally appointed 'Head of Civic Office and Assistant Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex' in January 2016. Support to the Lieutenancy is delivered by job-sharing arrangement between Victoria Golding and Micheala Isaacs.
- 3.9 During her Mayoral year (2014-15) the Mayor carried out in excess of five hundred and sixty engagements of which approximately;
- 40 were events or receptions in the Mayors Parlour
 - 65 involved Faith or Faith Communities
 - 45 involved sport or sporting activities
 - 95 were traditional or heritage events
 - 60 were meetings
 - 65 involved the Arts or creative communities
 - 70 were charity or fundraising events
 - 55 involved aspects of health, age or well-being
 - 70 involved young people
- 3.10 The Mayor was particularly pleased to have been able to attend
- Remembrance Day Commemorations
 - Citizenship Ceremonies
 - Pride
 - The Royal Visit of Prince Andrew to Whitehawk Academy & visiting other schools
 - The Brighton Marathon
 - Installation of Bishop Richard Moth as Bishop of Arundel & Brighton at Arundel Cathedral
 - University Graduation Ceremonies
 - Events to raise funds for the Mayors chosen charities
 - Supporting animal welfare organisations
 - The Children's Parade
 - A number of 100th birthdays, several 101st Birthdays and one 105th birthday

- 3.11 The Mayors Parlour has been used on many occasions throughout the year, including;
- Civic Receptions
 - All Meetings of the Mayors Charity Committee
 - All meetings of the Brighton Fund
 - Meetings of the Trustees of Gorham's Gift
 - Meetings of the Police Cells Museum Committee
- 3.12 The Mayor wishes to thank the Youth and Deputy Youth Mayors; Wednesday Croft & James Holmes for their support; she was particularly touched by their support for Remembrance Day.
- 3.13 The Mayors chosen charities this year have been; 'The Martlets', The Argus Appeal' and 'The Grace Eyre Foundation'. The Mayor wishes to thank the Charity Committee and in particular Antonia Shepherd (Chair) for their support. Funds raised for charity look set to exceed £60K.
- 3.14 The Mayor wishes to thank Father John Wall for his work as Chaplain and; (as he prepares to move away from the city), acknowledge his support to Former Mayors and to the city as a whole.
- 3.15 The Mayor wishes to thank Councillor Pete West (Deputy Mayor) for deputising at many events; and Former Mayors and colleagues for their support and flexibility.
- 3.16 The Mayor would like to extend particular thanks to her Consorts; Mr. Allan Jones, Mr Max Peters (aged 13, the Mayors Grandson), Mrs Sandra Williams and Mrs Alison Peters who have offered their support with grace, goodwill and humour. She also wishes to thank friends, family and fellow councillors for their support.
- 3.17 The Mayor is grateful for the support of officers and particularly wishes to thank Robbie Robertson, Darren Patching, Kieran Madden and Paul Grundy for their chauffeuring skill; Vicky Golding and Micheala Isaacs for their support and Martin Warren for his management of the Civic Office.
- 3.18 The Civic Office wish to record their appreciation and thanks to colleagues who have changed roles or departed during the last year; Paula Murray, Richard Butcher-Tuset, Siobhan Williams, Jennie Howard, Matt Wragg and Belinda Cousins.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not required

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Not required

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Not required

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are none arising from this report.

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are none arising from this report.

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 There are none arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are none arising from this report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 There are none arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- 7.6 There are no supporting documents