

Annual Council18th May 2017**Agenda Item 2(a)**

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Mayoral Report 2016-17		
Date of Meeting:	18 May 2017		
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 Pete West during the civic year 2016-17.

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 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 and 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 the Mayor chose to offer his support to 27 charities that were able to use the Mayoral name to promote events and to encourage support for the mayoral charities.
- 3.7 During his Mayoral year (2016-17) the Mayor carried out in excess of nine hundred and fifteen engagements of which approximately;
- 125 were events or receptions in the Mayors Parlour
 - 72 involved Faith or Faith Communities
 - 141 involved sport or sporting activities
 - 153 were traditional or heritage events
 - 60 were meetings
 - 153 involved the Arts or creative communities
 - 348 were charity, fundraising or volunteer events
 - 168 involved aspects of health, age or well-being
 - 144 involved young people
 - 96 supported the economy
 - 51 supported environmental activity
 - 309 were in support of neighbourhoods, inclusion, communities and equalities
- 3.8 The Mayor was particularly pleased to have been able to attend and take part in a number of the events:
- Remembrance Day Commemorations,
 - The launch of the Fringe festival from Paris,
 - Citizenship Ceremonies,
 - Pride and TransPride
 - The Royal Visit of Prince Philip to open the BA i360
 - School visits,
 - The Brighton Marathon, Half Marathon and London to Brighton Bike Ride
 - University Graduation Ceremonies,
 - Events to raise funds for the Mayors chosen charities,
 - Many events that supported his Mayoral Theme of 'Active Life'
 - A number of 100th birthdays, several 100+ Birthdays and a 70th Wedding Anniversary
- 3.9 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 Police Cells Museum Committee
- 3.10 The Mayor wishes to thank the Charity Committee and in particular all those who chaired meetings for their support. Funds raised for charity exceed a total £94K, with the proceeds of the Paris2Brighton Cycle Ride contributing £34k of the total raised to date.

- 3.11 The Mayor wishes to thank Reverend Anthea Ballam for her work as Chaplain and support throughout the year.
- 3.12 The Mayor wishes to thank Councillor Mo Marsh (Deputy Mayor) for deputising at many events; and Former Mayors and colleagues for their support and flexibility.
- 3.13 The Mayor would like to extend particular thanks to his partner Geraldine for support at Mayoress and his son Eoin and sister Lyn who acted as a consort on a number of occasions. He also wishes to thank friends, family and fellow councillors for their support.
- 3.14 The Mayor is grateful for the support of officers and particularly wishes to thank the staff in the Civic Office and those involved in helping to manage the council meetings.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 As this is an annual report of the Mayor there is no need for any consideration of alternative options.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There has been no other consultation required.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That the information contained in the report should be noted.

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

