

Subject:	Mayoral Report 2018-19		
Date of Meeting:	22 May 2019		
Report of:	Chief Executive		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Mark Wall	Tel: 01273 291006
	Email:	mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
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 Dee Simson during the civic year 2018-19.

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 actively supported and raised funds for her 4 named charities and was able to use the Mayoral name to promote events and encourage support for many more.
- 3.7 During her Mayoral year (2018-19) the Mayor carried out in excess of four hundred and thirty engagements of which approximately;
- 52 were events or receptions in the Mayor's Parlour
 - 43 involved Faith or Faith Communities
 - 20 involved sport or sporting activities
 - 50 were traditional or heritage events
 - 30 were meetings
 - 19 involved the Arts or creative communities
 - 50 were charity, fundraising or volunteer events
 - 36 involved aspects of health, age or well-being
 - 62 involved young people
 - 21 supported the economy
 - 35 were in support of neighbourhoods, inclusion, communities and equalities
 - 7 interviews
- 3.8 Highlights of the year include:
- Remembrance Day Commemorations,
 - The Children Parade,
 - Citizenship Ceremonies,
 - Pride
 - University Graduation Ceremonies
 - Mayor's CEO Sleepout at the i360
 - Bowling woods with the Chelsea Pensioners (Royal Hospital Bowling Club),
 - Visiting patients at the Royal Sussex County hospital on Christmas Day
- 3.9 The Mayor's Parlour has been used on many occasions throughout the year to welcome;
- Students of different ages and backgrounds including Cadets from the Armed Forces
 - International business delegations
 - Civic receptions
 - Charity receptions
 - Community groups
- 3.10 The Mayor wishes to thank the Charity Committee for their support. Funds raised for charity are yet to be confirmed but will be used to purchase equipment from a wish list provided by each charity.
- 3.11 The Mayor wishes to thank Reverend Helen Rose for her work as Chaplain and support throughout the year.
- 3.12 The Mayor wishes to thank Councillor Alex Phillips (Deputy Mayor) for deputising at many events; and for her support and flexibility.

3.13 The Mayor would like to extend particular thanks to Paul Simson for his support as her Consort. She 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

None

