

23 May 2013

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Mayoral Report 2012-2013		
Date of Meeting:	23rd May 2013		
Report of:	Assistant Chief Executive		
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Ward(s) affected:	ALL		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 This report informs Council of the activities of the Mayor, Councillor Bill Randall, during the civic year 2012-2013

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the report be noted

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 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 each year. Many local organisations contact the Mayor's office to request mayoral presence at their events enabling them to raise their profile, resulting in higher attendances, valuable publicity and increased fund raising. In addition, during their year of office each Mayor raises thousands of pounds for their chosen charities and the Mayor's Parlour is offered free for the nominated Mayor's charities to hold fundraising events.
- 3.2 Like most mayors, the Mayor of Brighton & Hove is not elected directly by the people, holds no direct power and is politically neutral during his or her term of office. The role is largely ceremonial, unlike that of the Mayor of London and a small number of other directly elected mayors who wield political power.
- 3.3 The Mayor undertakes many different duties including:
- chairing meetings of the Full Council, including the council's budget setting meeting, making sure they are conducted properly and fairly.
 - supporting the main aims of the 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
- 3.4 During his Mayoral year 2012/2013 the Mayor carried out 800 engagements; of which
- 34% involved community groups / associations and promoting the city
 - 4% were associated with Faith Communities
 - 2% related to Health
 - 6% related to internal visits and supporting council projects/initiatives
 - 2% involved youth organisations
 - 9% were education related
 - 2% involved school visits to the Mayors Parlour
 - 6% were sport / leisure related
 - 8% were culture / Arts related
 - 14% were related to charities
 - 13% were statutory or traditional events (including Citizenship ceremonies)
 - 12% were meetings and briefings
- 3.5 The Mayor's Parlour was used on many occasions throughout the year, including
- 13 School Visits
 - 8 Civic Receptions
 - 8 visits by representatives from other countries: China, Finland, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, St Lucia, Sweden and Turkey
 - 8 Events for local charities
- 3.6 The Mayor has attended many memorable events, including
- The Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations
 - Awarding Steve Ovett OBE, Freeman of the City
 - Awarding Roger French OBE, Freeman of the City
 - Community events across the city to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
 - A Visit by their Royal Highnesses Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex & Sophie, the Countess of Wessex
 - The Primary Schools Christmas Concert, 'Let's Dance' and the Brighton Festival's Children's Parade
 - The Christmas Party for 140 looked after children and foster carers at the Amex Stadium, which replaced the usual reception in The Royal Pavilion
 - Representing the city at the 70th anniversary of the Dieppe landings
 - Speaking at a conference on One Planet Living in Jyväskylä, Finland, at the invitation of SITRA, the Finnish Innovation Fund
 - The multi-faith service at the Unitarian Church at the beginning of the Mayor's year and the contribution from several faiths to prayers before the council meetings
- 3.7 The Mayor wishes to acknowledge the work of the Youth Mayor, Hannah Ward-Penny and the Deputy Youth Mayor, Azdean Boulaich. Their energy, commitment and sense of civic duty have been a credit to the city and to young people.

- 3.8 The Youth Mayor attended thirteen events including the Remembrance Sunday service in Brighton, The Prince's Trust 'C6' Team Presentations and the Primary Schools Christmas Concerts.
- 3.9 The Deputy Youth Mayor attended eight engagements, these included; laying a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service in Hove, The Mayors Christmas Party for Looked after Children and 'Burning the Clocks'.
- 3.10 The Mayor's chosen charities this year have been; 'Allsorts', The Brighton Women's Centre and The Martlets Hospice. Funds raised over the year total approximately £20,000. The Mayor would like to thank members of his Charity Committee for their work.
- 3.11 The Mayor has been assisted and supported this year by Councillor Anne Meadows (Deputy Mayor) who attended over sixty events to represent the Mayoralty, and Councillors Wells and Ann Norman (Former Mayors). Councillor Randall acknowledges their support and offers thanks for their assistance.
- 3.12 The Mayor thanks his wife Heather and their family for their support.
- 3.13 The Mayor thanks the mayoral office team for all their hard work and support during the year, particularly Trudy Haigh, Jennie Howard, Robbie Robertson, Bob Lampert, Emma Mc Dermott and Matthew Wragg. He also thanks, Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis, Mark Wall and the Democratic Services team for their help and support during the year.
- 3.14 The Mayor's car for the year was a fully electric 'Fluence', loaned by Renault. The arrangement saved the council about £3,000 in fuel and maintenance costs for the year. The car was fully put through its paces during the year, helped reduce vehicle emissions for the council's fleet and successfully completed the Brighton to London RAC Future Car Rally.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Mayor has been consulted on the contents of this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are none arising from this report.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are none arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are none arising from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are none arising from this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are none arising from this report.

Public Health Implications:

5.7 There are none arising from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 There are none arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

There are no supporting documents.