



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- FC23/033

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	20 th September 2023
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Report Title:-	Mayoral Activity
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To summarise recent and planned Mayoral activities.

2. Recommendations

That the report be noted

3. Information

- 3.1. In the last two months (since 13th July), the Mayor has attended 22 engagements, taken an active role in Kettfest and the Love Food events, and chaired the Town Meeting on 6th September.
- 3.2. The Love Food event on 3rd September at Wicksteed Park involved 35 traders, a range of musicians and demonstrations and attracted several hundred visitors. Markets and Events Committee will review the event at its next meeting to see if it warrants repetition in future years.
- 3.3. £500 was raised for the Mayor's charities at Love Food on 3rd September.
- 3.4. Civic events for Remembrance Sunday and Holocaust Memorial day in January are in the calendar. It is intended for Remembrance Day that the civic party assembles at the Toller Church Rooms again this year and that a buffet is provided for key participants after the parade and service. The British Legion have agreed that there is no need to do a separate service on the 11th November, as it is so close to the Sunday event on the 12th.

3.5. The Mayor is now looking how to make best use of the rest of her term of office and the following ideas are being developed;-

- A curry night to raise funds for the Mayoral charity, inviting other civic heads.- October- November
- A speaker event related to International Womens Day 8th March 2023 which also raises funds for the Mayor's charities.
- An event celebrating creatives in Kettering during April
- Engaging with Diwali (Nov 4th) Holi (March 15th) Vaisakhi (April 13th) and Oktoberfest

3.6. It is intended that, during December, bands playing in the town centre will be collecting donations from the public towards the Mayor's charities, which worked well in 2022.

3.7. A robe cleaning specialist has recently inspected the two sets of Mayoral robes and taken them away to carry out minor repairs and some cleaning. The nature of the fur means that a full cleaning of them is not possible. It is thought that the robes have not been professionally cleaned or repaired for over a decade.

4. Consultation and Engagement

None necessary

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

Costs can be contained within existing budgets

6. Climate change implications

None apparent

7. Policy Implications

The Council's policy is for the Mayor and mayoralty to represent the town and celebrate what is best about the local community and place.

Background Papers

None