



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- FC23/013

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	21 st June 2023
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Report Title:-	Mayoral and Civic Update
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To update members on civic and mayoral matters.

2. Recommendations

That the report be noted.

3. Information

3.1. Mayor making took place on 17th May. Since then, the Mayor has

- Fulfilled fifteen engagements
- Hosted a "Meet the Mayor" session at Kettering Market on Friday 26th May.
- Chaired the Annual Town Meeting on 24th May
- Called an extraordinary meeting of the Council to consider the Town Council's response to the threatened closure of Kettering Conference Centre.

3.2. The former Mayor, Cllr Keli Watts, has made a payment of £2115 to Sands, her nominated charity, from the donations accumulated during her year of office.

3.3. The College of Arms have advised that the coat of arms that this Council applied to use (in 2021) has been approved by the King. The warrant signed by the Earl Marshal was handed over to Chester Herald on May 17th. He now has to draft a document whereby the Kings of Arms (the most senior heralds who grant new arms) exemplify the arms. When this document is completed it will be the Council's to keep.

- 3.4. At the point we receive the coat of arms the Council will need to make a choice about whether the new coat of arms is depicted on the Mayoral insignia (as opposed to the Council's logo). There is money in the budget for this to be commissioned.
- 3.5. Some minor repairs were carried out to the mayor's replica chains in May (cost £21). Minor repairs are also required to the mace, but it will need to be sent away for these to be done.

4. Consultation and Engagement

As set out above.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

The relevant budgets are

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| - Mayoral expenses | £2250 | (expenditure to date £243) |
| - Coat of arms/branding | £1100 | (unspent to date) |

6. Climate change implications

None directly

7. Policy Implications

The Corporate Plan sets out an objective - to ensure civic pride and presence. It says :-

The Mayoralty provides a focus for local businesses, groups and people when they have something to celebrate or commemorate and is a useful focus for telling the story of Kettering and what it does well. It also provides a way in for young people to understand their community and what goes on within it.

A new coat of arms is needed for the Town Council; the council has sought the permission of the College of Arms to revert to elements of the pre 1974 coat of arms and awaits its conclusions.

Background Papers

Email correspondence with Chester Herald

Accounting system

