

# Council

Date: **25 May 2023**

Time: **4.30pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber - BTH**

Members: **Councillors:** Deane (Chair), O'Quinn (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Bagaeen, Davis, Evans, Fishleigh, Fowler, Grimshaw, Hamilton, Meadows, McNair, Robins, Sankey, Shanks, C Theobald, West, Wilkinson, Williams, Alexander, Allen, Asaduzzaman, Baghoth, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel, Earthey, Gajjar, Galvin, Goddard, Goldsmith, Heliwell, Hewitt, Hill, Hogan, Loughran, Lyons, McGregor, McLeay, Miller, Mistry, Muten, Nann, Oliveira, Pickett, Pumm, Robinson, Rowkins, Sheard, Simon, Stevens, Taylor, Thomson and Winder.

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# AGENDA

Part One

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## 1 COUNCIL BUSINESS

### (a) Newly Elected Councillors

The Mayor will invite Group Leaders to introduce their newly elected councillors who will come forward to be welcomed by the Mayor prior to taking their respective seats in the Council Chamber.

### (b) Vote of Thanks to Past Councillors

The Mayor will move a vote of thanks for the previous councillors and invite those present to come forward to receive their certificate of thanks.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

If unsure, Members should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services Officer preferably before the meeting.

## 3 MAYORAL REPORT 2022/23

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Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert

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## 4 MAYOR'S THANKS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor will give thanks for her year in office and make presentations.

## 5 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

The Mayor will seek nominations for the Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor O'Quinn as Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor will call a short adjournment to allow for the robing of the new Mayor.

## **6 DECLARATION OF OFFICE, ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AND VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

The Mayor will make her formal declaration of acceptance of office and acceptance speech and will call on Councillor Davis to move a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Deane.

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR BRIGHTON AND HOVE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24**

The Mayor will seek nominations for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

## **8 APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2023/24**

The Mayor will seek nominations for the appointment of the Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

It is proposed that the Council elects Councillor Sankey as Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

## **9 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS 2023/24**

The Mayor will move the following appointments:

- (a) To approve the appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council
- (b) To approve the appointment of the Leaders of the Official Opposition
- (c) To note the appointments of the following positions as agreed by the respective Groups represented on the Council as set out in the addendum (to follow)
  - (i) Leader of the Labour Group
  - (ii) Deputy Leader(s) of the Labour Group
  - (iii) Convenor of the Green Group
  - (iv) Deputy Convenor(s) of the Green Group
  - (v) Leader of the Conservative Group
  - (vi) Deputy Leader(s) of the Conservative Group

## **REPORTS FOR DECISION**

## **10 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/24**

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## **11 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Mayor will move a closure motion under Procedure Rule 17 to

terminate the meeting 4 hours after the beginning of the meeting (excluding any breaks/adjournments).

*Note:*

1. *The Mayor will put the motion to the vote and if it is carried will then:-*

*(a) Call on the Member who had moved the item under discussion to give their right of reply, before then putting the matter to the vote, taking into account the need to put any amendments that have been moved to the vote first;*

*(b) Each remaining item on the agenda that has not been dealt with will then be taken in the order they appear on the agenda and put to the vote without debate.*

*The Member responsible for moving each item will be given the opportunity by the Mayor to withdraw the item or to have it voted on. If there are any amendments that have been submitted, these will be taken and voted on first in the order that they were received.*

*(c) Following completion of the outstanding items, the Mayor will then close the meeting.*

2. *If the motion moved by the Mayor is **not carried** the meeting will continue in the normal way, with each item being moved and debated and voted on.*

3. *Any Member will still have the opportunity to move a closure motion should they so wish. If such a motion is moved and seconded, then the same procedure as outlined above will be followed.*

*Once all the remaining items have been dealt with the Mayor will close the meeting.*

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Council

## Agenda Item 3

**Subject:** Mayoral Report 2022/23

**Date of meeting:** 25 May 2023

**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 the Council of the activities of the Mayor, Cllr Lizzie Deane during the civic year 2022-23.

#### 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 across the city and around the region. The Mayor of Brighton and Hove is not directly elected, holds no direct power and is politically neutral during their term in office. The role is purely civic and ceremonial.

3.2 The Mayor selected Father Dominic Keech from St Nicholas Church to act as her Chaplain.

3.3 The Mayor supported the following charities during her Mayoral year: All Sorts, Brighton Fringe, Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England, Fareshare, Martlets, New Note Orchestra, Off the Fence, Sussex Heart Charity and Team Domenica.

3.4 Engagements were back to pre-Covid numbers during the Mayoral Year and the Mayor attended 418 engagements and events during her term in office (for a breakdown please see appendix 1) with support from the Deputy Mayor and former Mayor Cllr Alan Robins.

3.5 The Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen was celebrated with a picnic in the Royal Pavilion gardens, in partnership with Brighton Fringe on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

- 3.6 With the announcement of HM the Queen having passed away on the 8 September, Operation London Bridge was triggered, with the local proclamation taking place on the 11 September from the Royal Pavilion balcony. The proclamation was filmed and available on the Council website. A Civic church service was held on the eve of the funeral on the 18 September in All Saints church.
- 3.7 An exhibition of portraits of Charles III was held to coincide with the King's Coronation on the 6 May 2023. The portraits were made by local school children with 16 schools taking part resulting in an exhibition of 1816 portraits being on display in Hove Museum of Creativity (5 May to the 4 June 2023).
- 3.8 The Mayor undertakes many different duties including Chairing meetings of Full 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.
- 3.9 Further highlights of the Mayoral year included:
- Platinum Jubilee Street Parties
  - University Graduations
  - Citizenship Ceremonies
  - Remembrance Services across the City
  - Civic Advent Service
  - Children's Parade triggering the start of Brighton Festival
  - Chattri Memorial Service to honour the Indian soldiers that fought during WWI
  - Pride Festival
- 3.10 The Mayor hosted events in the Parlour throughout the year. Scout awards, school visits, meetings and charity events took place in the Council Chamber.
- 3.11 Acts of Remembrance across the city took place with big crowds gathering again this year for both Brighton and for Hove. The last service of the day attended by the Mayor was held in the Brighton Reform Synagogue and organised by the Association of Jewish ex Service Men and Women (AJEX).
- 3.12 The Mayor wishes to thank her Chaplain Father Dominic Keech from St Nicholas Church for his support throughout an exceptional year.
- 3.13 The Mayor would like to thank her Consort Henry Bruce for his support throughout the year.
- 3.14 The Mayor is grateful for the support of officers, the civic office team and those involved in helping to manage the council meetings.
- 3.15 The Mayor would like to thank the Deputy Mayor Cllr Jackie O'Quinn for her support in attending engagements.



#### **4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 This is an annual report from the Mayor for information and there are no alternative options for consideration.

#### **5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

5.1 No further consultation has been required for this report.

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

6.1 That the information contained in the report be noted.

#### **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis*

*Date: 150523*

##### Legal Implications:

7.2 There are no legal implications arising.

*Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Cubert*

*Date: 150423*

##### Equalities Implications:

7.3 There are none arising from this report.

##### Sustainability Implications:

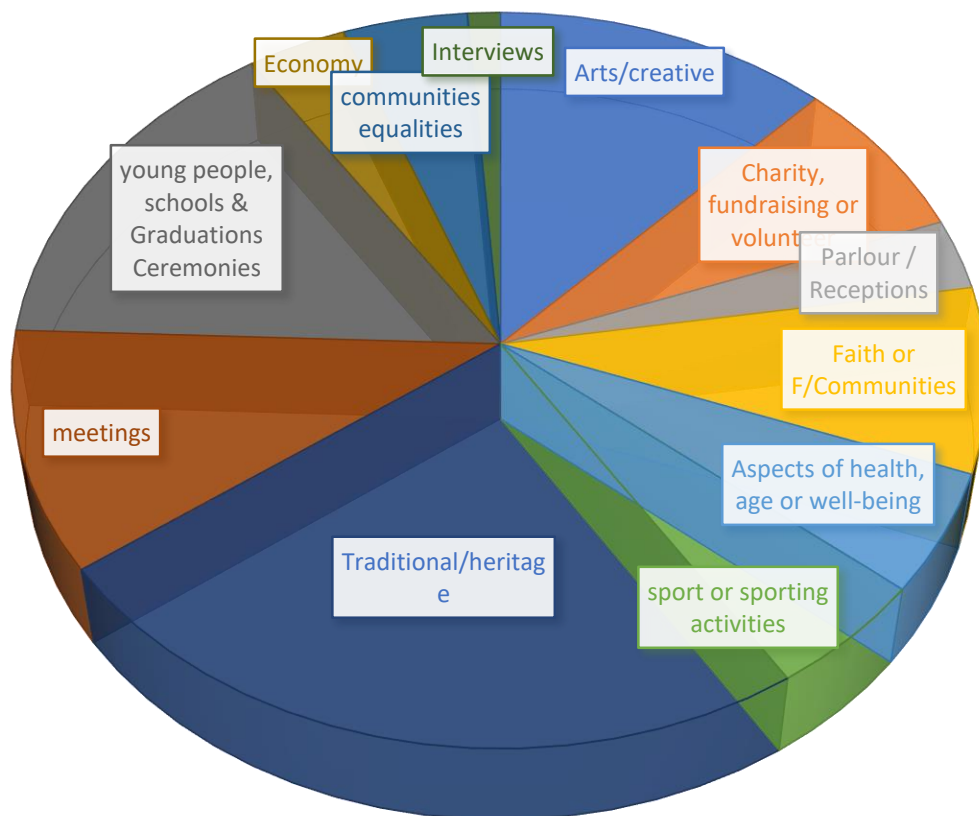
7.4 None.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices:**

1. Type of Mayoral engagements pie chart

## MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS CLLR. LIZZIE DEANE 2022 - 2023



Types of Engagements	Number of	Percent of
<b>Arts/creative</b>	51	12%
<b>Charity, fundraising or volunteer</b>	30	7%
<b>Parlour / Receptions</b>	13	3%
<b>Faith or F/Communities</b>	34	8%
<b>Aspects of health, age or well-being</b>	22	5%
<b>Sport or sporting activities</b>	21	5%
<b>Traditional/heritage</b>	101	24%
<b>Meetings</b>	44	11%
<b>Young people, schools &amp; Graduations Ceremonies</b>	63	15%
<b>Economy</b>	15	4%
<b>Communities equalities</b>	19	5%
<b>Interviews</b>	5	1%

To note that certain engagements fit in to several classifications, for example Aspects of Health, Age and Wellbeing may be classified within Communities. The Platinum Jubilee, Proclamation, Coronation and Remembrance Services have been classified under Traditional/Heritage which is why that particular classification is more populated than the other engagement types this year.