

## Annual Council

17 May 2012

## Agenda Item 2

Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Mayoral Report 2011-2012</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Strategic Director: Resources</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>ALL</b>		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report informs Council of the activities of the Mayor, Councillor Anne Meadows, during the civic year 2011-2012.

#### 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 the profile of their event, 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 The role is different from some mayors and lord mayors such as the Mayor of London because the mayor of Brighton & Hove is not directly elected by the people and therefore holds no direct power. The mayor is politically neutral in carrying out all of her/his mayoral duties.
- 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 as they go about their daily business
  - representing the council at public, civic and ceremonial events both in and outside the city and welcoming important visitors and dignitaries
  - working actively with a wide range of local organisations and promoting the city of Brighton & Hove

- 3.4 During the Mayoral year 2011/2012 the Mayor carried out in the region of 500 engagements; of which approximately:
- 36% involved community and voluntary organisations
  - 7% were associated with business and promoting the economy
  - 8% were associated with faith communities
  - 2% involved youth organisations
  - 14% were education related
  - 2% related to health
  - 7% were sport and leisure related
  - 16% were arts and culture related
  - 8% were statutory or traditional events including Remembrance Sunday services and Citizenship ceremonies
- 3.5 The Mayors Parlour was used on many occasions throughout the year. Its use included:
- Twenty-eight school visits
  - Seven weddings
  - Four occasions receiving overseas dignitaries
- 3.6 The Mayor attended many memorable events in the year, highlights include the:
- 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chattri Memorial
  - Martlets Midnight Walk
  - Opening of the new pavilion at Sussex cricket ground
  - 'Spring Watch'
  - Royal British Legion 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Queens Award to the Gay Elderly Men's Society
  - Pride
  - Children in Care Achievement Awards
  - Visit by HRH Princess Royal
  - Grace Eyre Tour
  - Council of Europe Reception
  - Southern Water Sewer Tour
  - Royal Marines Speed March
  - First Brighton & Hove Albion football match at their new stadium
  - Turned the first turf at 'The Keep'
  - Princess of Wales Sussex Regiment receiving freedom of the city
  - Visit to Dieppe for the 69th Commemoration of the Dieppe raid
  - Bestowing eight ex-councillors with the honour of alderman or alderwoman.
- 3.7 Following tradition, the Mayor selects one or more charities to support during their term of office. The Mayor's charities this year have been; The Federation for Disabled People, Sussex Beacon and RISE. Funds raised over the year are in the region of £20,000. The Mayor would like to thank members of her Charity Committee for their work.
- 3.8 The Mayor has been assisted and supported this year by Councillor Geoff Wells (Deputy Mayor), and Councillor Anne Norman (Former Mayor). Councillor Meadows acknowledges their support and thanks them all for their assistance.

- 3.9 The Mayor also wishes to thank her husband, Tony and her two sons; Harry and Scott for their support and enthusiasm.
- 3.10 This year has seen many changes in the support offered the Mayor by the Executive Office and the Mayor would like to acknowledge the transformation of the service and the hard work of the newly established team.

#### **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

