
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Constitution Committee

Date of Meeting: 2nd June 2011
Report of: Democratic and Registration Services Manager
Subject/Title: Work of the Civic Sub-Committee

1.0 Report Summary

To advise the Committee on the work of the Civic Sub-Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

That the Committee note the work of the Civic Sub-Committee.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.0 Risk Management

5.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.0 Background

6.1 The terms of reference of the Civic Sub-Committee are:-

- reviewing and making recommendations to the Constitution Committee on the Mayoralty, including the Mayoral Code of Practice;
- reviewing and making recommendations to the Constitution Committee on all matters relating to Honorary Aldermen and Freeman, including upon the benefits, rights and privileges to which they should be entitled;
- determining all matters relating to nationally significant events except for those matters which the Sub-Committee considers it appropriate to refer to the Constitution Committee for determination; and

- reviewing and making recommendations to the Constitution Committee on civic matters such as the Council's flag flying policy and civic regalia.
- 6.2 There are three matters that the Sub-Committee is required to consider.
- 6.3 To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre on an extended weekend in 2012 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. The Department for Culture Media and Sport will be responsible for co-ordinating the Government's role for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- 6.4 Local communities are being encouraged to organise and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in their own way. The Department of Communities and Local Government will be working with local authorities on producing guidance to help communities to organise locally-run events in their area. Local authorities in conjunction with their Lord Lieutenant will be expected able to provide details of any planned activities in each area.
- 6.5 Cheshire East will need to consider its activities and a local programme of events and the Civic Sub-Committee will fulfill this role.
- 6.6 The Council has agreed a number of matters relating to Honorary Alderman. The Civic Sub-Committee needs to identify which of the former members of Cheshire East Council might be eligible to be receive the title of Honorary Alderman and the arrangements for this to take place.
- 6.7 Finally the Council has, from the Clerk to Nantwich Town Council, received a request to hand over possession of certain Regalia held by the former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. Regulations, set out rules by which ownership is determined between the Charter Trustees and the Council. Assets colleagues are leading on completing a study and catalogue of all of the regalia etc held by the Council in order to definitively establish what belongs to the Charter Trustees under the provisions of Regulations, and what belongs to the Council. This process will help establish that certain items belong to other parties such as the Town Council

Access to Information

- 71 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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