FULL COUNCIL

Date: 17 June 2024

Title: Civic Announcements

Contact Officer: Secretary to the Mayor – Loraine Harwood

The role of Mayor involves chairing the Town Council, sitting as an ex officio voting member on council committees, representing and promoting Witney, organising key events in the town in partnership with others, raising funds for local charities, and supporting community activities which contribute to the life of the town and the objectives of the Witney Town Council. The Mayor is supported by the Deputy Mayor, whose attendance in place of or alongside the Mayor is noted in the report below.

This is a regular report to each full council meeting, detailing the activities of the Mayor since the last meeting.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Town Band AGM - Methodist Church Witney Liz Evans Beauty re-opening event - Church Green Witney Reverend Toby Wright's final service at St Mary's Church Witney Beer Festival Chair of WODC fundraising quiz Grand opening of Heritage Bakery - Witney Witney Food Festival Witney Pride Festival Day Volunteer Link Up summer social

The Elm Tree Sunset Social male mental health fundraiser

Launching the two new buses for WOCT

Joining fundraiser Steve Rance on his two-day marathon walk round Witney to raise money for cancer charities

Opening Witney Music Festival on the Leys

REPRESENTING and PROMOTING WITNEY

St George's Day Civic Service, St Michael's at the North Gate, Oxford – Deputy Mayor attended (GM)

Lord Mayor of Oxford Mayor making - Oxford Town Hall

Faringdon & District 100th anniversary of Royal British Legion – Deputy Mayor attending (AB)

Lord Lieutenant of Oxon & Bishop of Dorchester dinner invite celebrating local government in Oxfordshire – Dorchester Abbey - Deputy Mayor attending (AB)

KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY

St George's Day flag raising - Town Hall Young litter picker presentation – Lake & Country Park Witney Pride flag raising – Town Hall D Day 80th anniversary events

RAISING FUNDS

Mayor's Charities 2023-24/2024-25:

APCAM

Yellow Submarine

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