

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Past Mayor and Mayoress Badges 30th May 2024

Report of Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the Committee to consider whether to continue presenting badges to retiring Mayors and Mayoresses.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

- (1) Either agree to continue to present the retiring Mayor and Mayoresses with badges or to cease.**
- (2) Consider alternatives to badges that are presented.**

1. Past Mayor and Mayoresses Badges

Each year, at the Mayor Making Ceremony, the retiring Mayor and Mayoress are presented with Past Mayor and Mayoress' badges. These badges are then worn at Civic events such as Remembrance Sunday, Civic Funerals and Mayor Making.

The Past Mayor's badge is made of Sterling Silver which is enamelled and has a polished hard Gold finish and is hung on a red ribbon collarette.

The Past Mayoress' brooch is also made of Sterling Silver with Gold gilt and enamel.

The cost of the Mayor's badge is £578.29 plus VAT (£115.66) = £693.95

The cost of the Mayoress' brooch is £361.06 plus VAT (£72.21) = £433.27

Therefore at a cost of almost £1,000 plus VAT.

Officers, a few years ago made enquiries as to whether the badges could be made at a reduced cost but the savings were negligible.

Other options could be to present the retiring Mayor and Mayoress with a plaque of some sort and a certificate at a much smaller cost.

3. Conclusion

The Committee is requested to consider whether to continue presenting Past Mayor and Mayoress' badges at Mayor Making. If the Committee decide to end this tradition, the Committee is asked to consider what could be presented in place of the badges.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
There are no legal implications arising directly from the report.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
The Mayoral budget for 2024/25 is £7,000 and these purchases can be managed from within this amount should the committee choose to continue to present the retiring Mayor and Mayoresses with badges.	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces	
None	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add to this report.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.	
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