

CIVIC REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

	ORIGINAL COUNCIL DECISION	ACTION AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE DECISION	CURRENT POSITION
2	<p>Twinning</p> <p>(a) That the council encourage local organisations such as the Brownies, Scouts, sports groups etc to be in contact with their twinned counterpart.</p> <p>(b) That the Council strengthen links with all local ethnic minority communities.</p> <p>(c) That further business links be encouraged with Lancaster’s Twin Towns.</p>	<p><i>Action:</i></p> <p>Liaise with the Lancaster International Twinning Society to ensure that this is done as part of the Service Level Agreement with the City Council.</p> <p>This is a diversity issue to be addressed as part of the Council’s Community Cohesion Strategy.</p> <p>To be considered.</p>	<p><i>Proposed implementation:</i></p> <p>The City Council no longer provide grant support to the Twinning Society.</p> <p>Complete</p>
5	<p>Mayoral At Home That an additional Mayor’s At Home be held in the Mayor’s Ward.</p>	<p>Council Business Committee on 13th September agreed:</p> <p>(a) no further action be taken with regard to the proposal to arrange an additional Mayoral At Home.</p> <p>(b) commencing in 2008/09, 2 Mayoral At Homes be held in the existing Council venues towards the end of the Mayoral Year, with one of the events being held on a Saturday on an experimental basis by agreement with the Mayor.</p>	<p>The first year of change saw the same number of attendees as in previous years events, and it was felt that the Saturday morning would lend better to the Lancaster event. Dates for 2010 have been booked to tie in with the Centenary Celebrations of the Town Hall. They will take place on 20 January 2010 at the Platform, Morecambe from 3pm to 6.00pm and at the Town Hall, Lancaster on Saturday 23 January 2010 from 10am to 1pm. Tours of the Town Hall have been arranged with a “Lord Ashton” lookalike who will undertake the tours.</p> <p>Complete.</p>

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<p>6</p>	<p>Community Festival - That consideration be given to holding a Mayor’s Day Community Festival and Parade on the Saturday of Mayor Making replacing the Mayor’s Sunday parade but maintaining the tradition with floats, local organisations e.g. Scouts, Brownies etc, bands – a similar to the carnival parades that used to take place in Morecambe and Lancaster.</p>	<p>Council Business Committee on 13th September agreed:</p> <p>That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to continue investigating the possibility of a civic presence at the Community Festival currently held in Williamsons Park and a similar event in Happy Mount Park with a view to developing this as an alternative to a Community Festival and Parade on the Saturday of Mayor-making.</p>	<p>The Lancaster Community Festival did not take place in 2009 so no event was attended. There may be opportunities to attend events or encourage community involvement during the 2010 Mayoral Year should there be sufficient funds to do so.</p> <p>Complete.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Freemen</p> <p>(a) That the criteria for Freemen be amended to include the admission of women as Freemen and the extension of the geographical boundary to include the whole area of the district.</p> <p>(b) that the Freeman’s Oath be revised to include the following elements of the Respect agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting respect, leading by example • Promoting respect in the community • Showing tolerance, acceptance and common decency to those around us – our family, friends and peers, people who are older or younger, people from different walks of life or who follow different cultures or religions. 	<p><i>Action:</i></p> <p>Correspondence received from Department for Communities and Local Government. Consideration needs to be given to how the legislation can be changed which will impact on the implementation date. Included in the Democratic Services Business Plan</p>	<p><i>Proposed implementation:</i></p> <p>Pending – The Borough Freedom Bill finally became an act at the end of November 2009 and this is now being studied to ascertain how the criteria for admission can be changed.</p> <p>A report on options to do this will be submitted to the Committee for recommendation to Council as soon as possible.</p>

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15	Town Crier - That the Council re-establish the office of Town Crier and recruit to this post through a public competition.	<i>Action:</i> Report required on the feasibility and cost of the establishment of this post against the cost of a Freelance Town Crier employed as needed, together with identification of the events at which such a post would be required.	<i>Proposed implementation:</i> There are a two options which can be considered: 1. A recruitment exercise could be undertaken to identify a suitable person to fulfil the role of Town Crier. This will inevitably incur a cost, but the Council would also have to consider purchasing a suitable uniform, currently in the region of £2,100. The Council would also have to consider the payment of expenses for attending events. 2. There is already an established Town Crier residing in the district whose services could be bought in for events. Any cost could be accommodated would be considered on a case by case basis as funding would allow. Taking into account the current budget constraints facing the Council, option two would be the most cost effective at the present time.
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