

# Full Council

16 December 2020

## NOTICE OF MOTION – DONATING THE MAYORAL BALL BUDGET TO THE MAYORAL CHARITIES

*Mover Councillor Guidera*

*and Seconder Councillor Malik*

Each year the Mayor is installed and a celebration is held to mark the occasion. During the year the Mayor would normally host several functions, events that members of the community are invited to attend with the main event being the annual Mayor's Ball. The Mayor uses these functions to thank the community and to assist with fundraising for their chosen charity.

As we all know, 2020 is not a normal year for anyone.

Due to the lockdowns and the limitations on group sizes outside of lockdowns, as the Mayor I have been prevented from hosting events and fundraising in any meaningful way so far and I don't expect that to change during my term as Mayor which ends in May next year, therefore the budget allocated for supporting such Mayoral events during my term remains unused.

It's Christmas. What better time than the season of goodwill to propose a generous and festive Christmas Notice of Motion?

It is hereby propose to donate as a gift, a sizeable part of the ceremonial budget that would normally be spent on the Mayoral activities during my term as Mayor to one of the most deserving causes in our town, my chosen charities this year, Manor Green Primary School and College. They too have been unable to fundraise this year and with this gesture we will help them greatly.

Over the past four years the average cost of the annual Mayoral ball has been £4700 alone, and as the Mayor has been unable to host any events so far and will be unable to host a Mayor's Ball this municipal year, I am seeking councillor support and approval for this Motion, to donate from the ceremonial budget £5000 to be split equally between Manor Green School and College.

I would like to thank the Councillor Malik for kindly agreeing to second this Notice of Motion.