

KINGSWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 8th October 2024

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Item for Consideration: To consider if the council wishes to acquire Civic Insignia

1.0 Introduction

A report was taken to the Finance and Administration Committee at the end of September to ask councillors to consider if Kingswood Town Council wanted to develop the civic responsibilities of the council within Kingswood, that might lead to the creation of the role of Mayor, and procuring civic insignia that distinguishes that role, as well as funding allowances and activities associated with this role.

This was discussed in some detail and the consensus was that:

- the council was still early in its formation and such a move would be seen as premature
- that the council needed to concentrate on the delivery of projects
- that councillors were conscious of the reputation of the council and that it did not want to spend unnecessary funds
- and that it should wait until such time that the community starts to invite the council to attend events or give presentations, and then reconsider this in future years.

Therefore, it did not support the creation of the role of Mayor, the awarding of any allowances or spending of council funds on additional civic events at this stage.

However, councillors did agree that a chain of office for the Chair would act as a form of symbolism, give the council some gravitas and was a simple way of distinguishing the Chair of the Council and agreed to refer the acquisition of a quote for a chain of office as a request to full council.

3.0 Recommendation

To ask full council to consider and decide if it agrees that the council should consider the purchase of a chain of office for the Chair and if so to delegate responsibility to the town clerk to seek quotations for some designs for consideration at a future meeting.