



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

All Wards

14th October 2009

11. ROLE OF THE MAYOR TASK AND FINISH GROUP – MONITORING OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Role of the Mayor Task and Finish Group reported its recommendations to the Executive Committee on 18th February 2009. The recommendations of the Task and Finish Group were that:

- 1) a picture of the current Mayor be placed in a prominent position within the Town Hall;
- 2) a revenue bid be submitted to obtain an additional £1000 for the Mayoral Hospitality Budget;
- 3) the Mayoral induction booklet be updated and developed;
- 4) funds totalling £800 be made available to enable total redecoration of the Mayor's Parlour;
and
- 5) the content of the Mayoral web pages be developed and expanded.

Subsequently at the Executive Committee, the wording of recommendation 4 was slightly altered to read "the planned programme of work within the Town Hall be reviewed to seek redecoration of the Mayor's Parlour before the presently scheduled date in 2010/11." This was because redecoration of the parlour had been programmed into the Council's current maintenance and redecoration schedule but was not due to take place until at least 2010/11.

The Executive Committee agreed all of the recommendations in principle. However, given the current financial circumstances, the Committee felt that it was not appropriate to bid for additional funding for the above purposes in the current year. Recommendations 2 and 4 have therefore not been implemented. Trish Buckley, the Mayor's Secretary, has been working on recommendations 1, 3 and 5 and can provide an update on these recommendations.