

## **DESCRIPTION OF OPTION**

Revise the Mayoralty function to better define the role of the Mayoralty so that in future the time commitment and resources available are matched to an agreed programme supporting the council objectives.

## **RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS**

Civic Services is the staff and associated budget which support the Mayoralty. The service employees 3.5 staff and has a budget of £212k. This budget is insufficient to meet all the demands of the Mayoralty (which are principally determined by the Mayor him/herself).

In order to provide reliance and economies of scale it is suggested this is brought within a revised leaner Democratic Services structure with explicit lines of accountability.

In order to make savings, 33% of the current £20k overtime budget is to be reduced to show political solidarity with budget issues.

## **IMPACT**

To leave the situation as it is will generate public perception that it is a nice “to have” which is left untouched because it is a political enthusiasm.

Consultation will be required with Members of the Council. The public react positively to the Mayoralty and therefore consultation with the public is necessary.

The level of Attendant /Chauffeur support was reduced to meet the demands placed on the service. Additional resources were therefore required leading to the overspend on the budget.

## **MITIGATION**

An alternative to how the service could be delivered differently is to adjust the financial budget to ensure sufficient funds are made available to cover all the activities of the Mayoralty (and avoid overspend).