

INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RAISED AT OSMB ON 14 DECEMBER 2011

LORD MAYORALTY BRIEFING PAPER

Q How many invitations to events outside of the City were received this year, what were they for, how many were attended and how did this compare to previous years?

A Prior to May 2010, detailed information regarding the Lord Mayor's engagements inside and outside of the city boundaries was not kept. Below are the figures for invitations to events outside of Plymouth for the 2010 – 2011 and 2011 – 2012 civic years.

| Civic year | Accepted | Not accepted | Total |
|-------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| 2010 – 2011 | 24 | 16 | 40 |
| 2011 – 2012 | 3 | 31 | 34 |

The new criteria regarding the acceptance of events and engagements were introduced in December 2010. With regards to events outside of the city:

- Events held outside the city of Plymouth, unless there is a specific and overriding factor, will be declined

Invitations to attend events outside the city are now closely examined for relevance. Due to financial pressures, the Lord Mayoralty is having to focus its resources into supporting the citizens, the businesses and the community of Plymouth as well as promoting the council's and the city's priorities.

- The annual civic heads social event has been discontinued and the Lord Mayor no longer accepts invites to other authorities' civic heads social events.

This council contacted all other councils in Devon as well as Cornwall Council, Saltash Town Council and Torpoint Town Council early in 2011 to inform them about the decision to concentrate resources in Plymouth.

The majority of invitations to events outside of the city are received from other authorities; being invites to civic church services, dinners and charity events. Other invitations from outside of Plymouth have included: The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain Annual Luncheon (Swindon), The Shipwrecked Mariners Society Presentation of Awards (London), Dairy and Livestock Show 2011 (Birmingham), Devon NFU Annual Open Meeting (Cullompton).