

Meeting Type: Full Council extraordinary Meeting	Agenda Item: 6 appendix a
Date of Meeting: 28 th May 2026	
OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL	

Report Author: Martin Brookes	Purpose: Decision / Discussion / Update
Title: Mayoral Charity Nomination 2026 – 2027	
<p>Purpose of Report:</p> <p>In previous year, the Mayor of the Council undertook a series of fundraising events and initiatives to support a worthy cause. This report outlines the criteria for the 2026 – 2027 Mayoral Year and seeks a formal nomination from the Council for a local charity to benefit from these funds.</p> <p>Chairman's Recommendation & Criteria:</p> <p>The Chairman has expressed a strong preference for a charity that provides direct, tangible benefits to our local residents. To ensure the greatest community impact, the following criteria are suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality: The organisation must be based within or primarily serve our specific district/town. • Service Reach: The funds should support a broad demographic of residents (e.g., elderly support, youth services, or community welfare). • Operational Efficiency: A preference for volunteer-led organisations where the majority of funds go directly to frontline services. <p>Chairman's Suggestion: The Chairman specifically highlights the Lions Club (or a similar service organisation) as an ideal candidate due to their long-standing commitment to community service and their ability to mobilise volunteers for local projects.</p> <p>Potential Categories for Consideration While the Lions Club is a primary suggestion, Council members are invited to consider similar local entities, such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service Clubs: (e.g., Lions Club, Rotary International) – Multi-purpose community support. 2. Health & Wellbeing: Local hospices or mental health support groups specifically for residents. 3. Crisis Support: Local food banks or citizens' advice centers operating within our borders. <p>Proposal for Resolution</p> <p>The Council is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the merits of the Lions Club or suggest an alternative local charity that aligns with the Chairman's focus on resident welfare. • Approve a single "Lead Charity" for the 2026 – 2027 term. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorise the Mayor to begin branding and marketing for the upcoming fundraising events.

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