

CHARTER TRUST FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Meeting** of the **Charter Trust for the City of Durham** held in the Committee Room 1A - County Hall, Durham, on Thursday 28 June 2012 at 4.30 pm

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor John Wilkinson (in the Chair) and Councillors N Foster, D Freeman, A Hopgood, N Martin, D Morgan, M Simmons, D Stoker, L Thomson and M Wilkes

1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Blakey, Chaplow, Cordon, Holland, Holroyd, Mavin, Plews, Southwell, Turnbull, Williams, Wood and Woods.

2 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2012, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

The Mayor advised Trustees that he had received a letter from the High Sheriff thanking him for his invitation to Mayor Making which he felt was a privilege to witness such an historic event and wanted his thanks noting.

3 Royal Marine Band Service.

The Clerk to the Charter Trust for the City of Durham submitted a comprehensive report setting out the criteria previously used for granting freedoms and sought members instruction as to whether they wished to offer the Freedom of Entry to the City to the Royal Marine Band (for copy see file of minutes).

The Mayor circulated proposed criteria, which he had obtained from Newcastle City Council's website which was the criteria used by them.

Trustees discussed the circulated criteria and whether to adopt the same criteria, for the Charter Trust for the City of Durham.

Trustees also considered whether they wished to offer the Freedom of Entry to the City, to the Royal Marine Band Service.

Resolved:

(i) That the following criteria be adopted by the Charter Trust for the City of Durham for considering the granting of Freedom of Entry to the City of Durham.

1. To recognise and celebrate the long and close links between the City and other organisations.
2. To recognise and celebrate a contribution to the culture and life of our city and/or an ambassador for our region.

3. To recognise the unstinting support for local charities by a resident of our city.
4. To recognise and celebrate a long and outstanding career by someone born and raised in our city.

(ii) That the Freedom of Entry to the City, to the Royal Marine Band Service be not offered at this time.

4 Revenue Outturn for the year ended 31st March 2012.

The Treasurer to the Charter Trust for the City of Durham submitted a comprehensive report to provide information on the 2011/12 revenue outturn compared with the original budget.

Resolved:

That the outturn position for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 be noted.

5 Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2012.

The Treasurer to the Charter Trust for the City of Durham submitted a comprehensive report seeking approval of the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement including the circulated Annual Return for the financial year ended 31 March 2012.

Resolved:

That the Annual Return (Sections 1 and 2) for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 be approved.

6 Any Other Business.

The Mayor asked that former Mayors be invited to future Mayor Making ceremonies which was agreed by Trustees.

Trustees discussed the timing of future meetings and the lack of attendance at meetings and Mayoral events.

Resolved:

(i) That former Mayors be invited to Mayor Making ceremonies.

(ii) That the Charter Trust meeting to be held on 24 July 2012 be moved to 19 September 2012 to immediately follow the County Council.