

## **CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM**

At the **Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham, on Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 1.00 pm

**Present:** The Deputy Mayor of Durham, Councillor J Blakey (in the Chair) and Councillors J Armstrong, D Bell, J Chaplow, P Conway, K Corrigan, G Holland, A Hopgood, N Martin, R Ormerod, M Simmons, J Turnbull and M Williams

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from the Right Worshipful Mayor of Durham Councillor P Charlton and Councillors A Bonner, J Buckham, N Foster, D Freeman, S Guy, D Hall, B Moir, M Nicholls, D Stoker, P Taylor and M Wilkes.

### **2 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 January 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 To receive nominations to the position of Pant Master and appoint to that position**

Councillor Williams moved and Councillor J Armstrong seconded that Miss Sharon Spence be appointed to the position of Pant Master. There were no other nominations.

#### **Resolved:**

That Miss Sharon Spence be appointed to the position of Pant Master.

### **5 Revenue Outturn for the period ending 31 January 2014 and Projected Outturn to 31 March 2014**

Charter Trustees considered a report of the Treasurer which provided information on the actual expenditure compared to the profiled budget for the period ending 31 January 2014 and the forecast of expenditure to 31 March 2014 in comparison to the 2013/14 original budget (for copy see file of minutes).

The Treasurer reported that as a result of the roles of Mayor of the City of Durham and Chairman of Durham County Council merging, it was anticipated that the actual

expenditure at 31 March 2014 would be significantly lower than the original budget by £44,652. There would no longer be a requirement to draw from the reserves, instead a contribution to reserves of £33,376 was anticipated.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the outturn position for the period ended 31 January 2014 be noted
- (ii) That the forecast outturn to 31 March 2014 be noted.

## **6 Any Other Business**

In response to a question from Councillor Williams regarding the presentation for the retiring Mayor for 2012/13, Councillor Hopgood confirmed that the retiring Mayor had received his medal in private as he was unable to attend the Annual meeting.

A discussion ensued about the possible provision of a medal to the outgoing Deputy Mayor. Due to the roles of Mayor and Chairman of Durham County Council merging, the Deputy Mayor would not naturally proceed to Mayor as in previous years and consequently would not receive a medal for services to the City of Durham. Trustees noted that Cllr Hopgood who had served as Deputy Mayor for 2012/13 had not received such a recognition of past office. It was suggested that a report detailing costs of potentially awarding a silver medal to the Deputy Mayor be brought to the next meeting.

Councillor Blakey informed Trustees that nominations for Deputy Mayor would also be discussed at the next meeting which had been arranged for 2 April 2014.

**Resolved:**

That a report detailing costs for provision of an additional silver medal for Deputy Mayor be brought to the next meeting.