

CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham, on Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 1.00 pm

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor P Chartlon (in the Chair) and Councillors J Blakey, J Armstrong, J Chaplow, P Conway, N Foster, K Corrigan, D Freeman, S Guy, G Holland, N Martin, B Moir, M Nicholls, R Ormerod, M Plews, M Simmons, J Turnbull, M Wilkes and M Williams

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bell, A Hoggood, P Taylor and D Stoker.

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 March 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Blakey, Deputy Mayor declared an interest in relation to item 4 on the agenda.

4 Past Deputy Mayor or Mayoress and Consort Jewels

Traditionally each year at Mayor Making the retiring Mayor or Mayoress and Consort are presented with "Jewels" in the form of Medals, in recognition of their service to the City of Durham. At the last meeting, Trustees raised the question of awarding additional medals to the past Deputy Mayor and Consort and whether to backdate this in view of the conjoining of Mayor and Chairman of Durham County Council.

Charter Trustees considered a report of the Clerk to the Charter Trustees which detailed potential costs of additional awards (for copy see file of minutes).

In response to a question from Councillor M Wilkes regarding the number of quotations that had been obtained, the Mayor's Secretary replied that the prices quoted were from the company that had supplied the Mayor's medals for many years. This utilised an existing dye which would have to be replicated by any new provider with increased costs. Members agreed that the quality of previous medals was good and there was no other reason to change supplier.

Councillor N Martin commented that there were sufficient funds in the reserves to accommodate the costs of the additional awards.

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong, Councillor N Martin moved that the past Deputy Mayor/Consorts be awarded silver gilt medals in recognition of service to the City of Durham when they did not ordinarily succeed to Mayor/Consort.

Resolved:

That silver gilt medals be awarded to past Deputy Mayor/Consorts when they would not ordinarily succeed to Mayor/Consort in recognition of service to the City of Durham.

5 To receive nominations for the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked Trustees for nominations for the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/15 prior to their formal appointment at the Annual Meeting.

Seconded by Councillor B Moir, Councillor J Armstrong moved that Councillor P Conway be nominated Deputy Mayor.

Resolved:

- (i) That Councillor P Conway be nominated Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/15.
- (ii) That the appointment be formally nominated and resolved at the Annual Meeting.

6 Any Other Business

Councillor M Nicholls thanked the Mayor for the service she had provided to the City of Durham and requested that appreciation be recorded