

## **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 9 December 2015 at 12.30 pm

**Present:** The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor J Blakey (in the Chair) and Councillors B Moir, J Armstrong, D Bell, A Bonner, J Chaplow, P Conway, N Foster, D Freeman, O Gunn, B Kellett, N Martin, R Ormerod, M Plews, J Turnbull, M Wilkes and M Williams

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Corrigan, Hall, Holland, Hopgood, Nicholls, J Robinson, Simmons and P Taylor.

### **2 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 28 October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

The Clerk to the Charter Trustees advised that cost and income relating to the Mayor's Civic Dinner had been circulated to Trustees following the last meeting.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 2016/17 Budget**

Charter Trustees considered a report of the Treasurer that provided information to enable Charter Trustees to determine the appropriate budget requirement for the Charter Trust for 2016/17 and the basic level of council tax require for 2016/17 (for copy see file of minutes).

The Treasurer referred to the meeting on 8 January 2014 where Trustees agreed to the utilisation of reserves to maintain the Band D equivalent Council Tax at £1.90 in each financial year from 2014/15 to 2018/19.

Trustees agreed to formally accept the precept of £1.90 for 2016/17.

#### **Resolved:**

That the council tax requirement of £46,788 and a £1.90 precept for 2016/17 be approved.

The Mayor agreed that in order to keep members informed, the next item of business could be reported.

## **5 Mayor and Consort Jewells**

The Clerk to the Charter Trustees advised that the costs for the past Mayor and Consort jewels were slightly higher than the previous year costing approximately £1,500 excluding engraving costs. The company that had supplied the Mayor's medals for many years would be used due to the increase in costs to provide a replicated dye from a new provider.

Councillor Williams declared that a member of his family had links with the company that supplied the Mayor's medals.

### **Resolved:**

That Trustees agreed to proceed with the arrangements.