

CHARTER TRUST FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

19 June 2019

Honorary Position – Pant Master



City of Durham

Report of Bryan Smith, Clerk to the Charter Trustees

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Trustees of the resignation of Miss Sharon Spence as Pant Master and to seek confirmation of appointment of successor or further nominees.

Background

2. Charter Trustees will note that Miss Sharon Spence has reluctantly tendered her resignation as Honorary Pant Master due to personal reasons and now living in Scotland.
3. The Honorary position is one of the civic positions to support the Mayoral office. The origins of the position date back to the Pant Master being in charge of the fresh water supply to the City of Durham via the Pant water source. The holder is expected to attend ceremonial occasions as part of the civic party in support of the Mayor for example the four Cathedral services for Civic Evensong, Courts and Legal service, Remembrance Sunday and Founders and Benefactors service and the Mayor's civic dinner.
4. Despite making enquiries of officers in the technical departments within Durham County Council, as in previous Durham City Council days, there has been no expressions of interest.
5. One expression of interest has been received from Dr Bill Moir, a former Charter Trustee, past Deputy Mayor and who is well acquainted to the Charter Trustees and currently is also consort to the Mayor for the coming year. Dr Moir has asked to be considered and is willing to attend the ceremonial occasions as Pant Master. The Honorary position would be retained until any resignation or alternative appointment.

Recommendation

6. That Trustees note this report and decide whether to appoint or consider further nominees for position of honorary Pant Master.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None.

Staffing – To fill an honorary civic position.

Risk - None.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - None specific within the report.

Accommodation - None.

Crime and Disorder - None.

Human Rights - None.

Consultation – None.

Procurement – Not applicable.

Disability Issues - None.

Legal Implications – The position is an honorary position without any employment or remuneration.