

CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Annual Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham, on Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 5.30 pm

Present: Councillors J Blakey, B Coult, C Fletcher, D Freeman, A Hopgood, G Hutchinson, E Mavin, L Mavin, D Nicholls, R Ormerod, E Scott, M Simmons, D Stoker, P Taylor and M Wilkes

Also Present: Councillor A Simpson

Prior to commencement of business, the Clerk raised a Point of Order. He informed Charter Trustees that he had received notice from Councillor B Coult that she would like to decline her seat in favour of the member with the second highest votes received at the 2021 Local Elections for Esh and Witton Gilbert, Councillor A Simpson. He advised that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services had agreed under delegated powers to accept the proposal and asked Charter Trustees to note the change.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Brown, O Gunn, D Hall and M Wilson.

2 Election of Mayor

The Clerk asked for nominations for the election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2021/22.

Councillor M Wilkes moved and Councillor A Hopgood seconded that Councillor Arnie Simpson, be appointed Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Arnie Simpson be duly appointed as Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2021/22.

Councillor A Simpson in the Chair

3 Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2021/22.

Councillor R Ormerod moved and Councillor E Scott seconded that Councillor D Freeman, be appointed Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved:

That Councillor D Freeman be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2021/22.

4 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6 Ceremonial Occasion

Charter Trustees considered a report of the Clerk that proposed that the ceremonial occasion of the swearing in of the new Mayor and of the presentation of the jewels and medals (“Mayor making”) be postponed pending Government announcements regarding Covid protection rules (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor Wilkes suggested a slight amendment to the wording in the recommendation as it could be misinterpreted that restrictions are lifted on 21 June 2021.

Resolved:

That the traditional ceremonial occasion be postponed until after the Government review and announce lifting Covid restrictions be agreed.

7 Appointment of the Officers

Consideration was given to the appointment of Officers as listed on the agenda.

The Clerk informed Trustees that the position of Recorder was vacant following the resignation of Clare Greenlay and a new appointment be confirmed at a future meeting.

Resolved:

That the following Officers be appointed:-

- Pant Master
(Mr Mac Williams JP)
- Billet Master
(Chief Superintendent Chris Curtis, Durham Constabulary)
- Macebearer
(Mr David Baker)
- Swordbearer
(Mr Stan Lincoln)
- Deputy Bearer
(Mr David Watson MBE)
- Assistant Bearer
(Mr Harvey Evans)
- Honorary Judicial Recorder
(His Honour Judge James Adkin)
- Recorder
(Vacant)
- Mayor's Chaplain
(The Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett)

8 Meetings of the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham

The Clerk advised Trustees of dates for future meetings of the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham for the municipal year 2021/22 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 Any Other Business

Briefing Session for New Charter Trustees

The Clerk advised that a briefing session for newly elected Charter Trustees had been suggested to provide information with regards to the history of the Charter Trust and ceremonial arrangements which would be arranged in due course.