

CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

At the **Annual Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Main Hall, Town Hall, Durham, on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 12.00 Noon

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, A Simpson (in the Chair) and Councillors D Freeman, J Blakey, L Brown, J Chaplow, C Fletcher, A Hopgood, G Hutchinson, B Kellett, E Mavin, L Mavin, D Nicholls, R Ormerod, E Scott, M Simmons, D Stoker and M Wilkes

1 Prayers

Prayers were said by Canon Michael Everitt.

The Clerk to the Charter Trustees formally reported the death of former Mayoress Mrs E Crathorne and Admiral Rory McLean Honorary Member of the Mayor's Bodyguard. Trustees stood for a moments silence as a mark of respect.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Elmer, D Hall, L Hovvels and M Wilson.

3 Recording of Proceedings

Charter Trustees consented to the taking of photographs during the meeting.

4 Election of Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Mayor.

Councillor R Ormerod moved and Councillor M Simmons seconded that Councillor D Freeman, be appointed Mayor of Durham for the ensuring municipal year.

Resolved: That Councillor D Freeman be duly appointed as Mayor of Durham for the ensuring municipal year 2022/23.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor L Brown moved and Councillor J Blakey seconded that Councillor L Mavin, be appointed Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year.

Resolved: That Councillor L Mavin be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2022/23.

The meeting adjourned for 5 minutes in order for the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to receive chains of office and be robed.

**The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham,
Councillor D Freeman in the Chair**

6 The newly elected Mayor to receive the Seal and make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor

Councillor D Freeman received the Seal and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of Durham which he then signed.

7 Mayor's Acceptance Speech

The Mayor thanked Councillors R Ormerod and M Simmons and fellow Trustees for their support and that he was honoured to be Mayor. He then thanked those who had made it possible, in particular those who were no longer with us.

He talked about one of the Mayor's bodyguard who lived near him when he was as a child and that he was told he was an important person who you would see at mayoral events all dressed up.

He went on to thank the former Mayor and Mayoress and looked forward to working with the Deputy Mayor and her Consort.

He would be supported by his wife Laura and was looking forward to attending events such as the Durham Regatta, Miner's Gala and the Proms in the Park Freedom Event next month.

8 Address by the Retiring Mayor

Councillor A Simpson thanked Charter Trustees for the opportunity to be Mayor, in particular Councillors M Wilkes and A Hopgood for the nomination. He also wished to thank Councillor Coult, the Mayor's Bodyguard, Town Hall staff and the Deputy Mayor for his support and advised the Mayor that he should attend as many events as possible and wished him well.

He then thanked the Dean of Durham, Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Mayors PA, Member Support and the Chauffer's. He thanked the Clerk to the Charter Trustees who was leaving the authority and wished her well in her new venture.

He recalled some of his many highlights during his time as Mayor of Durham and thanked his Mayoress and family for all their help and support.

9 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor

Councillor A Hopgood congratulated and offered her best wishes to the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. She then offered the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor/Mayoress Councillor A Simpson and Mrs J Simpson who took on the role without the experience of being Deputy Mayor and carried out the role with pride and dignity and embraced the role.

Councillor A Simpson was one of the first members she met who was very kind and supportive. He carried out his duties superbly and represented the City of Durham. On behalf of Charter Trustees, she thanked the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their service.

The Mayor advised Trustees that the past Mayor Jewels would be presented at a future meeting of the Trust.

10 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that his chosen charity during his term of office would be Durham Samaritans and the Mayor's Rosette for 2022/23 were Platinum for the Queens's Jubilee.

13 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals

The Mayor presented a long service award to Mr C Lidster in recognition of the loyal and voluntary service he had given to the Mayors of Durham for the last 10 years.

The Mayor announced that Mr A Ribchester also qualified for a long service award. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting, therefore he would receive his medal at a future meeting of the Trust.

14 Appointment of Officers

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

Resolved: That the following Officer be appointed:

- Pant Master (Mr M Williams JP)
- Billet Master (Superintendent C Clarke, Durham Constabulary)
- Macebearer (Mr D Baker)
- Swordbearer (Mr S Lincoln)
- Honorary Judicial Recorder (His Honour Judge Adkin)
- Recorder (Vacant)
- Mayor's Chaplain (The Dean of Durham)

15 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 2022/23 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved: That the report be noted.