

## **CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM**

At the **Meeting** of the **Charter Trustees for the City of Durham** held in the Main Hall, Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 12.00 Noon

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

### **1 Prayers**

Prayers were said by Canon Michael Everitt.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Chaplow, J Elmer, D Hall and D Nicholls.

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

**Resolved:** That Councillor L Mavin be duly appointed as Mayor of Durham for the ensuring municipal year 2023/24.

### **5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

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

Councillor E Scott moved and Councillor A Hopgood seconded that Councillor L Brown, be appointed Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuring municipal year.

**Resolved:** That Councillor L Brown be duly appointed as Deputy Mayor of Durham for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.

**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 L Mavin in the Chair**

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

Councillor L Mavin received the Seal and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of Durham which she then signed.

**7 Mayor's Acceptance Speech**

The Mayor welcomed everyone and conveyed that she was honoured and privileged and would do her utmost to perform her duties as Mayor of Durham. She indicated that her chosen charity was St. Cuthbert's Hospice and provided details of the charity, in particular that they only received 35% of the required funding from the NHS and the remainder was through fund raising.

She welcomed representatives from the Hospice who were here today and thanked fellow Trustees and Councillors L Brown and J Blakey for her nomination.

She continued by thanking Councillor D Freeman for his support over the last year and a special thank you to staff at the Town Hall, the Mayor's Bodyguard and the Mayor's Secretary.

She indicated that the Mayor's Rosette for 2023/24 would be Green and Red which were the colours of St. Cuthbert's Hospice and the colours of her primary school.

She expressed her appreciation to friends and family and her husband who had been her rock for the last 35 years.

**8 Mayor to call on Retiring Mayor/Mayoress to receive the Past Mayor/Mayoress Jewels**

The Mayor presented Councillor D Freeman and Ms L Wilson the past Mayor and Mayoress Jewels as souvenirs to commemorate their year of office.

## **9 Address by the Retiring Mayor**

Councillor D Freeman congratulated Councillors L Mavin and L Brown on their appointment as Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Durham. He expressed his appreciation to the Mayor's Secretary for organising the event and thanked staff, the Mayor's Bodyguard, Canon M Everitt, Councillor J Blakey and volunteers who helped at the coffee morning.

He then thanked Councillor J Nicholson, Chair of Durham County Council and the late Councillor B Bainbridge, former Chair of Durham County Council who he remembered fondly. He also thanked the Lord Lieutenant and the previous High Sheriff, but his biggest thanks were to his Mayoress.

He then highlighted the best events during his term of office and indicated that he had raised £4,500 for his chosen charity, Samaritans.

## **10 Vote of thanks to Retiring Mayor**

Councillor R Ormerod offered the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress and indicated how he still managed to attend his council meetings and complete his case work and be available for his residents.

He had the support of his partner, who made a tremendous Mayoress and congratulated and thanked them both and for the money they had raised for their chosen charity, Samaritans.

He commented that his highlight of the year was the Bollywood dancing and he hoped they had enjoyed their time as Mayor and Mayoress and were taking away a great deal of special memories.

## **11 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

## **12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **13 Mayor's Announcements**

There were no Mayor's announcements.

## **14 Presentation of Mayoral Service Medals**

The Mayor presented long service awards to Mr D Watson (15 Years) and Mr S Lincoln (20 Years) in recognition of the loyal and voluntary service they had given to the Mayors of Durham.

## **15 Appointment of the following Officers:**

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

**Resolved:** That the following Officers be appointed:

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

## **16 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 2023/24 (for copy see file of minutes).

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.