

# CHARTER TRUST FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

26 April 2012

## Royal Marine Band Service



City of Durham

### Report of Sharon Spence, Clerk to the Charter Trustees

#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 The Mayor recently contacted all Trustees suggesting that the Charter Trustees consider offering the Freedom of the City to the Royal Marine Band Service in the Queens Jubilee Year. Although the Mayor received only support for this proposal one Member did raise the issue with the Clerk concerning the Services links to Durham.

#### Background

- 2 As you are aware HMS BULWARK recently exercised their right to march through the City of Durham. The Royal Marine Band (Plymouth) had travelled from Plymouth and back in that day to be in Durham for this event, when we had failed to secure a Band for the BULWARK march.

In respect of links with the Service, Durham already has links with the Royal Marines through HMS BULWARK. Durham has a Brass Band Heritage. Durham schools provide for future generations of musicians and the Royal Marine Band Service have already agreed to come to Durham to undertake workshops with young people and indeed a concert for Armed Forces Day.

Lieutenant Colonel NJ Grace BMus(Hons) FLCM LRSM Royal Marines, the Principal Director of Music, Royal Marine Band Service, is also planning a major concert in Durham Cathedral in 2014 and an event in Durham Castle next year.

#### Recommendation and reason

- 3 Instructions are requested as to whether the Charter Trustees would wish to offer the Freedom of the City to the Royal Marine Band Service.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – There would be a cost to holding a meeting of the Charter Trustees to grant the Freedom and associated costs of a plaque. Those costs can be met from existing budgets.**

**Staffing – Staff time will be involved in the organisation of the Meeting but the costs can be met from existing budgets.**

**Risk – None.**

**Equality and Diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty – None.**

**Accommodation – None.**

**Crime and Disorder – None.**

**Human Rights – None.**

**Consultation – None.**

**Procurement – None.**

**Disability Issues – None.**

**Legal Implications – None.**