

CHARTER TRUST FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM

2 April 2014

Past Deputy Mayor or Mayoress and Consort Jewels



City of Durham

Report of Bryan Smith, Clerk to the Charter Trustees

Purpose of the Report

1. Charter Trustees are aware that each year at Mayor Making the retiring Mayor and Mayoress/Consort are presented with “Jewels” in the form of Medals, in recognition of their service to the City. At the last meeting Charter Trustees raised the question of awarding additional medals to the past Deputy Mayor and consort and whether to backdate this in view of the conjoining of Mayor and Chairman of Durham County Council. This report is to inform the Charter Trustees of the potential costs of such awards.

Background

2. The practice of presenting the past Mayor and Mayoress/Consort with “Jewels” at Mayor Making is a longstanding tradition in the City. However there has not been a similar tradition for awarding medals to the Deputy Mayor and Consort given that prior to 2012 the Deputy Mayor was likely to succeed to become Mayor and would then receive recognition at the end of the following year. This tradition was interrupted when it was decided to conjoin the offices of Mayor and Chairman of Durham County Council.

Past Deputy Mayor’s Medal “Jewels”

3. There has been one previous occasion when in May 2009 Councillor Mr and Mrs Dickie received Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress Medals as souvenirs of their past year of office.

Costs

4. The cost of providing a silver gilt Past Deputy Mayor Medal and a silver gilt Past Deputy Mayoress/Consort Medal are set out below:

Past Deputy Mayor	£ 239.05
Past Mayoress/Consort	£ 239.05

Machine engraving costs approximately £0.40 net per character.

The above prices are exclusive of carriage and VAT

The Charter Trustees will no doubt consider the current financial climate and budgetary constraints however the Head of Finance has confirmed there is sufficiency in the current budget provision to meet these costs in the current year.

Options

5. To approve any of the below be awarded silver gilt medals in recognition of past service
 1. Past Deputy Mayor year 2013/14
 2. Past Consort year 2013/14
 3. Past Deputy Mayor year 2012/13
 4. Past Consort year 2012/13

Total Cost if all allowed £956.20

(exclusive of carriage , engraving and VAT)

Recommendation

There is clearly a historic tradition of providing both the Past Mayor and Past Mayoress/Consort with Medals “Jewels” in recognition of their service to the City. Whilst there is no immediate budget provision for additional awards to Past Deputy Mayoress and Consort this can be accommodated within this years’ budget allowances. It is a matter for the Charter Trustees to agree if this may be backdated as well as agreed for the current year of service.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Detailed within the report.

Staffing - None specific within the report.

Risk - None specific within the report.

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

Accommodation - None specific within the report.

Crime and Disorder - None specific within the report.

Human Rights - None specific within the report.

Consultation - None specific within the report.

Procurement - None specific within the report.

Disability Issues - None specific within the report.

Legal Implications - None specific within the report.