

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR Bournemouth

Report subject	Report of the Civic Working Group
Meeting date	27 June 2023
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report summarises the issues discussed at the Civic Working Group held on 19 June 2023, and seeks support for any recommendations arising.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that Charter Trustees approve the updated Charter Trustee Handbook, attached as Appendix 1.
Reason for recommendations	The updated Handbook sets out new and revised protocols identified since the establishment of the Trust in 2019, and incorporates feedback from Trustees and Officers.
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Classification	For Decision

Background

1. The Charter Trustees adopted Standing Orders and a Handbook upon establishment in April 2019.

Revisions to the Handbook

2. The proposed changes are primarily additive and seek to set out new protocols, or provide clarity to existing protocols, as per the amendments below:

Page 4 – updated key positions and roles;

Page 5 – confirmation of the statutory four meetings per year, and the business to be conducted;

Page 6 – a new section detailing membership of working groups;

Page 7 – a new section confirming the bank verification role;

Page 9 – an amended protocol for the selection to office in an election year (setting out that the process will be commenced as soon as possible after the election);

Page 10 – a new section detailing protocol for the wearing of robes and hats, and a reminder of annual civic events;

Membership of the Working Group

3. Membership of the Working Group was discussed.

The Working Group consists of six members, as follows:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
2 x Budget Signatories
2 x nominated Charter Trustees

As the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor were originally the two nominated Trustee representatives to the Group, and following their recent election to their posts, there are now two vacant positions to be filled. Confirmation of appointments will be provided once new members are in place.

Summary of financial implications

4. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary of legal implications

5. There are no legal implications relating to the revisions to the Handbook. All arrangements set out within the Handbook comply with the Regulations relating to the Charter Trustees.

Summary of human resources implications

6. There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

7. There are no sustainability implications arising from this report

Summary of public health implications

8. There are no public health implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

9. There are no equality implications arising from this report.

Summary of risk assessment

10. There are no specific risks arising from this report.

Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Charter Trustee Handbook