



Berwick upon Tweed Town Council

Council

22 November 2021

Appendix F

Report of Town Clerk

Freemen Trustees

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Background

1. Council nominates, each year, five trustees who represent council on the committee of trustees.
2. The commitment of trustees is to attend, on average, one meeting per month, usually on a Friday evening. Complaints have been received from the secretary to the trust about the non-attendance of some trustees appointed by council.
3. Council is not bound to appoint councillors to represent it, and currently includes amongst its trustees two former councillors.
4. The role of trustee includes an understanding of the duty of a trustee to the beneficiaries of the trust, and of the stewardship of the property and investments of the trust.
5. One proposal that has been made to officers is that one or more of the existing trustees should continue in office in order to ensure continuity of scrutiny of the activities of the trustees, and to provide support for new trustees.

Recommendations

1. That council consider whether it wishes to re-appoint any of the existing trustees, and
2. That council appoint sufficient new trustees to fill any vacancies.

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