

## DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Governance

**Date:** 16 June 2014

**Decision in the matter of:** Transfer of Property to Macclesfield Charter Trustees

**Decision:** That the historic and ceremonial regalia and property of the former Macclesfield Borough Council, as set out in Appendix I of the report, be transferred to the Macclesfield Charter Trustees.

That the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be authorised to enter an agreement with the Charter Trustees to confirm the transfer of historic and ceremonial property as set out in Appendix I of the report.

That the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be authorised to enter an agreement with the Charter Trustees to enable transferred historic and ceremonial property to be stored / displayed at Macclesfield Town Hall.

**Background:** Charter Trustees were originally created by the 1974 Local Government Act with the aim of maintaining and preserving the historic rights, privileges, ceremonial rights and privileges, and traditions associated with Local Authority Districts which become part of a larger Local Government area as a result of Local Government reorganisation, and where a Parish did not exist to preserve those rights. The creation of Charter Trustee status preserves the historic status of the area until such time as a Parish is created. Charters, Insignia Plate and Property, which are historic and ceremonial in nature and which relate to the Charter Trustee area can be transferred subject to there being no disagreement on the part of the new council; this excludes land and buildings and any property held for the purposes of any statutory function of the successor Local Authority.

At its meeting on 15 April 2014 the Charter Trustees passed a resolution identifying the property they wished to claim having taken reference from the Regulations and Guidance. In general principle this is from pre 1974 and relates wholly to their area; the proposed legal agreement will allow for historic artefacts to continue to be stores/displayed at the Town Hall.

**Background Documents:**

Can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor P Findlow (Cabinet Member for Governance)

**Date:**

16 June 2014

**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Martin Smith (Manager, Executive Office)