



CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The City of Durham Parish Council made the following decisions at its last Council meeting, held on 22nd October 2020:

- Councillors considered a report which provided an update on the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan. With the Examiner's Decision Notice now published, this Plan now carries significant weight when considering new planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. This will now proceed to a referendum (as and when Covid-19 allows) and the Parish Council agreed to fund the printing of 50 copies of the referendum version of the Plan.
- Councillors considered a report which provided an update on the County Durham Plan. This was formally adopted by the County Council on 21st October 2020 and Members expressed their thanks to the Councillors and the many organisations and members of the public who have played a major part in helping to achieve a sound County Durham Plan.
- Councillors agreed to a proposal from the North End Allotment Association to fund a new shelter with sedum roof, water butts and hedge planting with native species for the allotment site on Larches Road.
- Councillors agreed to provide £5,000 funding (divided equally) to all the local schools in the parish to launch a challenge to eradicate single-use plastics.
- Councillors agreed to part of a proposal to support the greening of the parish. In addition to the very successful bulb planting project carried out earlier this year, Councillors also agreed to fund a project by the Wear Rivers Trust to help eradicate invasive species from the River Wear and also to fund a project to help design out ASB from the North Road roundabout with some nice bedding planting to go in this location. A larger proposal by DCC's Clean and Green team is currently being worked on.
- Councillors agreed to a motion to help develop a policy on busking in Durham City Centre.
- Councillors agreed to a motion noting the impressive success of the Durham Women's Football Club in the FA Women's Championship and agreed to undertake to support the club wholeheartedly.
- Councillors agreed to a proposal to promote Durham City's heritage and its people, to launch a competition for plaque proposals commemorating people of significance in the parish and also to submit a Section 106 application for funding the renovation of the Ruth First plaque on Providence Row.



- Councillors noted that the Remembrance Day parade was not able to take place this year in Durham City due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. In its place, Councillors agreed to launch a "Sponsor a Poppy" appeal using the poppies knitted by local Women's Institute groups and local volunteer residents, which is to hopefully be displaced at the Town Hall.
Councillors also agreed to a funding proposal by the Finchale Group to help fund training for veterans as part of a 'looking to the future' Remembrance project.
- Councillors agreed the appointments of Members of the Parish Council on outside bodies and organisations.
- Councillors agreed the winners for this year's Good Citizen of the Year Award; with a plaque due to be presented to each winner this year and a civic ceremony hopefully taking place in 2021.