



## CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### **The City of Durham Parish Council made the following decisions at its last Full Council meeting held on 28th January 2021:**

- Councillors agreed to support the extension of the Article 4 Direction Area to Mount Oswald, in order to control the levels of student housing in the parish.
- Councillors agreed to support a project to upgrade and repair the heritage information for the Battle of Neville's Cross.
- Councillors agreed to host a commemorate walk in October 2021 as part of the 675<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Neville's Cross.
- Councillors agreed to launch a blue plaque scheme in order to commemorate people, events and buildings of historical significance in the parish area.
- Councillors agreed their budget for the forthcoming financial year; this included headline items such as doubling the budget towards improving footpaths and greening the parish, continuing to fund Neighbourhood Wardens for Durham City, providing professional support to independent businesses, tackling climate change and providing grant funding to frontline and voluntary organisations in the parish.
- Councillors agreed to freeze the City of Durham Parish Council precept for the third consecutive year.
- Councillors agreed their response to the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's consultation on the proposed 7% increase in the police precept.
- Councillors agreed to fund the promotion of its Facebook page in order to increase engagement with local residents via social media. A project which will hopefully form part of a wider communications strategy for the Parish Council.
- Councillors agreed the following motion on the issue of public toilets in Durham City centre:

***"The City of Durham Parish Council invites DCC to seek solutions in conjunction with the Parish Council for the provision of public toilets in Durham City centre. The current situation is unhelpful to the local economy and residents with certain health issues. This Council undertakes to write to the Chief Executive of DCC to explore with them both the current situation and the options for longer term permanent provision".***