

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF BATH



COUNCIL TAX 2023/2024

The Mayor is Chairman of The Charter Trustees of the City of Bath. These are the 28 Councillors of Bath & North East Somerset who represent the Wards of the City. This is a non-political role promoting Bath nationally and internationally, supporting the local community and preserving City Insignia, Regalia, the gold and silver collection and Royal Charters dating from 1189.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Meeting of the Charter Trustees and to witness the ceremony to elect the 796th Mayor at 11 am on Saturday 3 June in Bath Abbey. The Civic Procession will leave the Guildhall at 10.40 am. The Mayor, Charter Trustees, Honorary Aldermen, Sword and Mace-Bearers and invited dignitaries will be wearing their ceremonial robes.

The Mayor plays a very active role in the local community. Often working seven days a week s/he undertakes about 650 engagements each year. These support a remarkably wide range of charities and volunteers who work without financial reward to improve the quality of life in the City including The Mayor's Corps of Honorary Guides, who conduct free walking tours 364 days of the year. The Mayor's charity raises money for Bath residents who are in need, hardship or distress. Each year The Mayor hosts Civic Receptions for many community groups as well as the Multi-Faith Gathering and a Reception for The Royal British Legion following the Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

The Mayor promotes Bath as a Member of the Organization of World Heritage Cities and welcomes thousands of visitors from home and abroad, including

members of The Royal Family, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, International Students, and Tourists from the four Twin Cities. This hospitality promotes Bath as a World Heritage Site and encourages tourism and economic development with the resultant benefits to the local economy.

The Bath Councillors do not receive any payment as Charter Trustees. They employ two full time staff and a number of ceremonial officers and elect a small committee to oversee routine activities. Meetings of Charter Trustees are open to the public.

The Charter Trustees have asked Bath & North East Somerset Council to collect £180,301 for 2023/2024. Band D properties will pay £5.50 per household for the year. The Charter Trustees receive no financial help from central Government.

The breakdown of the budget is given below.

Accommodation/Admin/Staffing	109,720
Civic Transport	23,994
Civic Hospitality	37,900
Civic Twinning & Heritage	13,300
Civic Allowances	13,000
Civic Projects	9,000
Civic Expenses	25,300
Other Expenses	1000
Civic Renewal & Improvements	3,000
TOTAL	236,214
VAT refund	11,000
Precept	180,301
Investment Interest	3000
From reserves	41,913
TOTAL	236,214

Any questions regarding the Charter Trustees or the Mayor should be addressed to:

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