

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Urgent Business Committee
DATE	27 July 2012
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Mitchell's Hospital Trust
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/12/013

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report requests the Committee to agree the appointment of two Council representatives to join the Mitchell's Hospital Trust which next meets on Tuesday 31 July 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee agrees the appointment of two Council representatives to join the Mitchell's Hospital Trust.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The report has no financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications to the report

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Established through deed of mortification registered on 25 May 1801, the Mitchell's Hospital Trust was set up by David Mitchell of Holloway Down, Essex "to provide lodging, maintenance and clothing for a few aged widows and maiden daughters of decayed gentlemen, or merchants, or trade burgesses of Old Aberdeen". The hospital to house those women supported by the Trust was built on a piece of ground on the Chanonry gifted by the Provost, Magistrates and Council of Old Aberdeen.

The Trust continues to operate and has been a registered charity (SC012723) since 1 August 1923 following the agreement of a scheme for the administration of the hospital.

While the Council has no record of any previous involvement with the Trust, the Principal of Aberdeen University has approached the Chief

Executive and drawn her attention to the fact that the trustees responsible for managing the affairs of the Mitchell's Hospital include "two persons of either sex to be nominated by the Town Council of Aberdeen for a period of five years, such persons being if possible interested in and acquainted with Old Aberdeen".

Other trustees include the Principal of the University of Aberdeen (chairman), the Professor of Divinity of the University of Aberdeen, the Ministers of the First and the Second Charges of the Parish of Old Machar and the Convener of the Incorporated Trades of Old Aberdeen.

The Trust has a pressing requirement to meet to discuss the future of its work and as such a meeting of the trustees has been called for Tuesday 31 July 2012. Given this, there is an urgent need for the Council to appoint two representatives.

The Committee's agreement to this is sought so that the names of the two elected members can be passed to the University immediately following the end of the meeting on 27 July.

6. IMPACT

Representation on outside bodies assists the Council in fulfilling its role in delivering the Single Outcome Agreement.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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