

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2014** at **7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs. B. A. Clare (Chairman) and**
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, W.M. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw and D. Summers.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

132. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

133. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D.G. Atkinson, R. Bowman, M.A. Dalton, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer and C. Wheeler.

134. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

135. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given.

136. **2014/15 COUNCIL PRECEPT**

The Finance Manager had submitted a report seeking approval from the Council for the setting of the Council's 2014/15 Precept in order to allow the submission of the Precept Request Form to be forwarded Durham County Council.

The Council's 2014/15 Net Budget requirement as represented by the Precept was set at £1,316,600. This is an increase of 2.49% on the 2013/14 Precept.

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp and

RESOLVED - as follows:-

- (i) That the 2014.15 Council Precept of £1,316,600 be approved.
- (ii) That the Mayor be authorised to sign the Precept Form.
- (iii) That the Precept Form be hand delivered to Durham County Council on the 20th February.
- (iv) That the information provided in regard to the robustness of the budget estimates and adequacy of the Council's balances and reserves be noted.

CHAIRMAN.