

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 25th JUNE 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor Mrs. B.A. Clare (Chairman) and**
Councillors J. Atkinson, A.M. Chandran, J.D. Clare, N. Collinson,
Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray,
Mrs. S. Haigh, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C.
Wheeler.

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

37. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

38. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D.G. Atkinson, R. Bowman, J. Clark, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and W. Iveson.

39. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

40. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given.

41. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13**

The Finance Manager submitted a report and the statutory Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2012/13 for approval.

A discussion took place on the Statement of Accounts and members were given the opportunity to ask questions and the Finance Manager responded appropriately.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 be approved.
- (iii) That the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts be signed by the Chairman of the Council.
- (iv) That the Annual Report included within the Accounts be approved.
- (v) That following the Audit of Accounts by the Audit Commission, the Annual Governance Report for 2012/13, the accounts be published in accordance with the statutory framework no later than the 30th September 2013.

42. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2012/13**

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report and the Annual Governance Statement for the 2012/13 financial year for approval.

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Annual Governance Statement for 2012/13 be approved and signed off by the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Council.
- (iii) That the Officers be commended for the work they have undertaken on the Annual Governance Statement 2012/13.

CHAIRMAN.