

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014** at **7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor Mrs. W. Hillary (Chairman) and**  
Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, W. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, J.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.

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

43.    **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

44.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R. Bowman, N. Collinson, M.A. Dalton, Mrs. I. Hewitson, W. Iveson and Mrs. A. Palmer.

45.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATION**

No dispensation requests had been received.

46.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given.

47.    **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

The Finance Manager submitted a report and the Statutory Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2013/14 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 2013/14 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 Mazars LLP and receipt of the Audit Completion Report and Annual Audit Letter for 2013/14 the accounts be published in accordance with the statutory framework no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

48. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2013/14**

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report and the Annual Governance Statement for the 2013/14 financial year for approval.

**RESOLVED** – as follows:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Annual Governance Statement for 2013/14 be approved and signed off by the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Council.

**CHAIRMAN.**