

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT: COUN L WOOD (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S McDonnell & M Milsom

Messrs: J Alvey, J Hardy, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, D Langan, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, R Huitson & D Milsom

135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors T Jones, J Black and R W Jones.

136. PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

The Chairman welcomed Mr Gavin Barker , Senior Audit Manager and Engagement Lead, and Mr Gerry Rigg, Principal Audit from the Audit Commission who presented their final version of their report on the results of their audit work for 2009/10.

Mr Barker thanked Members for the opportunity to present the report and for Officers co-operation in preparing the report.

RESOLVED that the Town Council approve the revised accounts for 2009/10

137. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT – AUDIT 2009/10

Members were circulated with a copy of their Annual Governance Report which summarized the findings from 2009/10 audit which was substantially complete. It included the messages arising from the audit of Peterlee Town Council's financial statements and the results of the work undertaken to assess the Town Council's arrangements to secure value for money in use of resources.

RESOLVED the letter of representation on behalf of the Town Council be approved, and the recommendations made in the report be accepted.

138. 2009/10 – ADDITIONAL FEE

Members were advised that it was intended that an additional fee in respect of the unplanned work which they carried out as part of the 2009/10 audit of the Town Council would be charged amounting to £2,500 plus vat.

RESOLVED that the additional fee be paid but further details of the costs involved be requested from the Audit Commission.