

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2026** AT 6:15 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

Present: Councillors L Cooke (Mayor) Presiding
A Ineson (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: B Bailey G Jennings
D Corney-Walker M Joyce
C Davieson M Ryan
A Gibbs L Wood
A Hall N Yabsley

Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe Town Clerk
Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
Linda McGuirk Principal Administrator

By invitation Freeman Mike Hocking

85. **WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed those present to the specially convened meeting.

86. **APOLOGIES**

Valid reasons for absence were received from Councillors Janet Bradford, Phil Bullivant, Richard Buscombe, Tom Corney-Walker, Colin Parker and Paul Parker.

Apologies were noted from Pierre Doutreligne, Projects & Strategy Officer and Nigel Canham, Communications Advisor.

87. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

88. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025 – 26**

The Mayor introduced the Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26, which formed page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that the Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26, which formed page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, be hereby received and noted; and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

89. **APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025 - 26**

Annual Governance Statement. In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, it was unanimously:

Chairperson (Mayor) initials.....

RESOLVED that Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return which formed page 4 of the AGAR for the year ended 31st March 2026, be hereby approved; and signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

90. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2025 - 26**

Accounting Statements. In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that Section 2 of the Annual Return which formed page 5 of the AGAR, for the year ended 31st March 2026, be hereby approved; signed by the Mayor and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

Meeting closed at 18:22 hours.

Chairperson (Mayor).....

Date.....

Chairperson (Mayor) initials.....