

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2025 AT 6:15 P.M.** AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

Present: Councillors C Parker (Mayor) Presiding

Councillors: B Bailey A Ineson
 J Bradford G Jennings
 P Bullivant M Joyce
 R Buscombe P Parker
 D Corney-Walker M Ryan
 C Davieson L Wood
 A Gibbs N Yabsley
 A Hall

Officers in attendance: Phil Rowe Town Clerk
 Sam Scott Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
 Pierre Doutreligne Projects & Strategy Officer
 Linda McGuirk Principal Administrator

By Invitation: Freeman Mike Hocking

Present: Devon County Councillor J Fry
 Devon County Councillor M Cockerham
 One member of the public

45. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the specially convened meeting.

46. APOLOGIES

Valid reasons for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Louise Cooke, Tom Corney-Walker and Communications Advisor Nigel Canham.

47. INTERESTS

None declared.

48. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024 - 25

The Mayor introduced the Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25, which formed page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Councillor Bullivant asked how the ongoing Community Infrastructure Levy situation is reflected in the Annual Audit Report. The Town Clerk advised that there is no adverse effect on the Council's financial processes as contained in the AGAR, as the matter is a legal issue rather than a financial one.

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

Chairperson (Mayor) initials.....

RESOLVED that the Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25, which formed page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, be hereby received and noted; and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

Cllr P Bullivant voted against the proposal and, in accordance with Standing Orders, requested that his vote be formally recorded in the minutes.

Cllr N Yabsley abstained from voting.

49. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024 - 25

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

RESOLVED that Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return which formed page 4 of the AGAR for the year ended 31st March 2025, be hereby approved; and signed by the Mayor and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

Cllr P Bullivant voted against the proposal and, in accordance with Standing Orders, requested that his vote be formally recorded in the minutes.

Cllr N Yabsley abstained from voting.

50. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2024 - 25

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 2025, be hereby approved; signed by the Mayor and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

Meeting closed at 18:29 hours.

Chairperson (Mayor).....Date.....

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