

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2020** AT 7.00 P.M. ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors R Jenks (Mayor) Presiding
M Joyce (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors	P Bullivant	C Jenks
	Mrs C Bunday	Mrs A Jones
	D Corney-Walker	C N Parker
	Mrs K Crout	M Pilkington
	R Hayes	M E Ryan
	M Hocking	Mrs L Sheffield
	D Howe	

In attendance: Philip Rowe – Town Clerk
Samantha Scott – Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
Alexandra Robinson – Principal Administrator

545. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors C Davieson and R Hall.

546. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

547. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20**

The Mayor invited the Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee to report on the Annual Return for 2019/20. The Councillor Colin Parker reported to Members that the Internal Auditor had completed the work thereby ensuring that the Council met its statutory requirements in approving the Annual Return by 31st August 2020. The date had been deferred due to the government restrictions following the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Council recorded their appreciation of the work undertaken by the Responsible Financial Officer.

In accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 consideration was given to the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 which formed Section 1 of the Annual Return (previously circulated). Arising from the consideration, it was

RESOLVED that Section 1 of the Annual Return, the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2020, be hereby approved; signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

548. **ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2019/20**

In accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 consideration was given to the Accounting Statement 2019/20 which formed Section 2 of the

Annual Return (previously circulated). The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, offered his thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer on her work to complete the Annual Return.

Arising from the consideration, it was

RESOLVED that Section 2 of the Annual Return, the Accounting Statement for the year ended 31st March 2020, be hereby approved; signed by the Mayor and the Responsible Financial Officer and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

Mayor