



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Governance Committee held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 12 May 2022 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytyn House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: J R Potts (Chair), W Taylor (Vice Chair), D Carr, A Cartie, G Davey, S Davey, B Erskine, C Jones, K Nisbet, J Reid, M Richardson, S Stanger and A Watson

Also Present: Councillors: C Humphrey and M Robson

Officers:

J Hughes, Town Clerk
M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk

Other Attendees: - 0

Members of the Public – 0

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillor Aileen Barrass
2	Disclosure Interests and Grant of Dispensations None
3	Minutes of the Governance Committee held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 The minutes were noted as a true record.
4	Decision Report The Town Clerk introduced the report and outlined a couple of typing corrections. Members considered the information

	<p>contained in the report together with the documents listed below and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmed the financial situation following the completion of accounts 2021/2022 – Review of out-turns against Probable 2021/2022. 2. Approved the documents listed below in connection with Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022 prior to approval to Full Council and before submission to the External Auditor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council’s Internal Auditor’s Report 2. Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/2022 3. Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 4. Accounting Statements for 2021/2022 <p>The AGAR documents will be submitted to Full Council for approval before submission to the External Auditor.</p> <p>3. Appointment of Internal Auditor 2022/2023</p> <p>Committee resolved to appoint Mike Slaughter as Internal Auditor for BTC, for the next 12 months.</p> <p>A letter of thanks be sent to John Ainsworth, the Council’s Internal Auditor for the previous 4 years, to acknowledge his good work and overall contribution.</p>
5	<p>Information Report</p> <p>Members noted the information report with regard to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investments 2. Freedom of Information Requests 3. Remembrance Day 2022
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
7	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Governance Committee on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 6.30pm.</p>

8	<p>Part II</p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.</p> <p>There were no Part II items.</p>

Members of the Governance Committee

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