

## TYNE AND WEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE

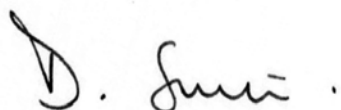
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15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the Meeting of the Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee to be held in the Board Room at the Company Offices of the Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited, Investor House, Colima Avenue, Sunderland Enterprise Park, Sunderland on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010 at 1.15 p.m. or at the conclusion of the meeting of the Board of Directors Company, when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Smith,  
Secretary to the Joint Committee.

### AGENDA

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- Appendix 1 – to be tabled at the meeting.

**Note:-**

**Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

The business contained in Part II of the Agenda is not for publication as the Committee is considered likely to exclude the public during consideration thereof as it involves a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular person (including the Authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3).

**PART II**

5. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee held on:-**
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## **TYNE AND WEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of  
the TYNE AND WEAR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE  
held in the Board Room at the Company  
Offices of the Tyne and Wear  
Development Company Ltd., Investor  
House, Colima Avenue, Sunderland  
Enterprise Park, Sunderland on  
THURSDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2010 at  
1.00 p.m.

### **PART I**

#### **Present:-**

Councillor M.F. Henry in the Chair	- Gateshead Council
Councillor M. Gannon	- Gateshead Council
Councillor F. Anderson	- Sunderland City Council
Councillor R. Armstrong	- Newcastle City Council
Councillor H.E. McAtominey	- South Tyneside Council
Councillor A. Kerr	- South Tyneside Council
Councillor L. Goveas	- North Tyneside Council

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting.

#### **Appointment of Chairman**

1. RESOLVED that Councillor P. Watson be appointed Chairman for the ensuing period to the next Annual Meeting of the Joint Committee.

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors P. Watson, Allan, Goldsworthy, Wallace and Mayor Arkley.

#### **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

2. RESOLVED that Councillor Henry be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee for the ensuing period to the next Annual Meeting of the Joint Committee.

## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Minutes**

3. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Membership of the Joint Committee 2010/2011**

The Secretary submitted a report to the Joint Committee detailing appointments made for the year 2010/2011.

Considering having been given to the matter, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the appointments made by the Constituent Councils of the Joint Committee for 2010/2011 be noted.

## **Date, Time and Venue of Future Meetings 2010/2011**

The Secretary submitted a report concerning the proposed cycle of meetings of the Joint Committee for 2010/2011.

5. RESOLVED that the meeting dates be approved.

## **Internal Audit Annual Report 2009/2010**

The Head of Internal Audit submitted a report to provide details of the performance of the Internal Audit Service provided to the Joint Committee during the year and to give an overall opinion of the soundness of Internal Control Environment in relation to the Joint Committee.

Members were advised that the Operational Plan included one audit, the annual review of the Governance arrangements in place required to complete an element of the 'small bodies annual return'.

The draft report was issued within 3 days with only two low risk recommendations being made.

The report provided details of the Performance of the Internal Audit Service and provided assurance that the Service was being delivered in accordance with statutory responsibilities and was continually seeking to improve performance.

The report concluded that overall there remained a sound Internal Control Environment in place in relation to the Joint Committee.

6. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

### **Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit Services 2009/2010**

The Treasurer to the Joint Committee submitted a report setting out the findings of the Annual Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit, as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended 2006).

The Audit Commission found that

“there continue to be robust arrangements in place to comply with the Code’s Standards. Our detailed review of files did not highlight any significant non-compliance with IAS’s Quality System or the Code.”

It was therefore concluded that it was an effective Service that met the required standards.

It was:-

7. RESOLVED that the findings of the review for 2009/2010 set out in Section 4, be noted.

### **Annual Governance Statement for 2009/2010**

The Treasurer to the Joint Committee submitted a report providing details of the findings of the Annual Review of the Governance and Internal Control arrangements in place for the Joint Committee. The report included the draft Annual Governance Statement for consideration and approval, prior to its incorporation into the Annual Return.

The Finance Officer advised Members that Internal Audit carried out one audit during 2009/2010 and the minor recommendations made had been accepted and implemented by management.

The evidence in the year would support the view that the system of Internal Control was effective and no matters had arisen to report to the Committee. The Annual Governance Statement had been prepared taking into account the above evidence and by also taking into account guidance provided by CIPFA’s Framework ‘Delivering Good Governance in Local Government’. Members referred to the document appended to the report.

Consideration having been given to the matter, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that the findings of the Annual Review and the draft Annual Governance Statement be approved.

## **Annual Return and Accounts for 2009/2010 (Subject to Audit)**

The Treasurer to the Committee submitted a report providing an Annual Return and Accounts for 2009/2010, for approval.

Members referred to Appendix 1 – the Annual Return and were advised that Auditors would commence the audit once the Committee had formally approved the Annual Return based on its Accounts (Subject to Audit) and the appropriate statutory notice of inspection of accounts had been given to residents of Tyne and Wear.

During the year the Income and Expenditure Account showed a small surplus for the year of £2,086 which increased reserves to a total of £1,847,991 at the year end after taking into account the awarding of grants and loans of £11,000 in 2009/10.

Referring to page 49 – Schedule of Loans Outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 the Treasurer advised that Company NLG Ltd had gone into administration and as £5,699 had been recovered from the Company, the balance of £119,301 had been written off as there was no prospect of any further monies being recovered.

It was:-

9. RESOLVED that the Annual Return (Subject to Audit) for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 and the Statement of Accounts 2009/2010 (Subject to Audit), be approved.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

At the instance of the Chairman, it was:-

10. RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it involved a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the Authority holding that information) (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3).

(Signed) M.F. HENRY,  
Vice - Chairman.

## **TYNE AND WEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the  
TYNE AND WEAR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE  
held in Committee Room 1,  
Sunderland Civic Centre on  
TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2010 at  
12.30pm.

### **PART I**

#### **Present:-**

Councillor P Watson in the Chair	-	Sunderland City Council
Councillor F Anderson	-	Sunderland City Council
Councillor M Gannon	-	Gateshead Council
Councillor R Armstrong	-	Newcastle City Council
Councillor T Woodwark	-	Newcastle City Council
Councillor A Kerr	-	South Tyneside Council
Mayor L Arkley	-	North Tyneside Council
Councillor J Wallace	-	North Tyneside Council

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Henry and McAtominey.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

12. RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it involved a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the Authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3).

(Signed) P WATSON  
Chairman.

**Note:-**

The above minutes comprise only those relating to business during which the meeting was open to members of the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items of business are included in Part II.



**TYNE AND WEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010**

**Audited Statement of Accounts 2009/2010**

**Report of the Treasurer to the Joint Committee**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report the communications received from the External Auditors concerning the financial statements for 2009/2010.
- 1.2 To provide the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2009/2010 for approval by Members.

**2 DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION**

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1.1 Note that the External Auditors, BDO LLP (Chartered Accountants), have issued an unqualified audited Annual Return – Appendix 1.
- 2.1.2 Approve the Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 – Appendix 2.

**3 INTRODUCTION**

- 3.1 Smaller relevant bodies in England must complete an annual return summarising their annual activities at the completion of each financial year in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 as amended. Members are responsible for ensuring that financial management is adequate and effective and that the body has a sound system of internal controls.
- 3.2 A smaller relevant body includes Joint Committees which have gross income or gross expenditure levels below £1 million for the financial year in question (i.e. 2009/2010) as well as either of the two immediately preceding years (i.e. 2007/2008 and 2008/2009). This regime applies to the Joint Committee.
- 3.3 The Audit Commission was replaced by BDO LLP (Chartered Accountants) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, as the Joint Committee's external auditors, and they are required to report on the final accounts by 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year. At the time of writing this report the Joint Committee has received an unqualified audit report and the signed audited Annual Return is to be sent out shortly. A copy of this document will therefore be made available at the meeting.

## **4 KEY MESSAGES**

- 4.1 The Auditor's communication (Smaller bodies in England Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010) is included with this report shown as part of Appendix 1.

In summary the communication shows that:

- The external auditors have issued an unqualified audit opinion. (please see Section 3 of the Smaller Bodies Annual Return).
- There were no changes required to the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return.
- There were no misstatements identified in the Statement of Accounts.
- The external auditor has not identified any issues in relation to the qualitative aspects of the Joint Committee's accounting practices and financial reporting.
- The external auditor has not identified any other matters required by other Auditing Standards that should be communicated to Members.
- The external auditor did not identify any other matters that should be brought to the attention of Members.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (Amended)  
Audited Statement of Accounts (Annual Return) for 2008/2009 and  
2009/2010  
Audited Smaller Relevant Bodies in England Annual Return

**Tyne and Wear  
Economic Development  
Joint Committee**

**Audited Annual Return 2009/2010**

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## Introduction

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Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee is operated on the basis of a Joint Committee of Local Authorities. Primarily funded through contributions from Tyne and Wear Development Company which is a controlled local authority company jointly owned by the Councils of Tyne and Wear. These include Sunderland City, The City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Gateshead, North Tyneside and South Tyneside Councils.

I am pleased to present the Annual Return for the year 2009/2010. A published and audited Annual Return (accounts) is at the heart of ensuring proper accountability for the use of local taxpayers money. The members of the Joint Committee recognise, however, that the accounts of the Joint Committee can only tell part of the story. The Joint Committee also needs to demonstrate that it is aiming to operate to the highest standard of conduct and has a robust system of internal control in place.

The Joint Committee and its constituent local authority members agreed to the constitution of the Joint Committee upon its inception on 31st March 1999. This document sets out the objectives and regulations of the Joint Committee. Included in this agreement, were the appointments of the Chief Executive and Director of Financial Resources of Sunderland City Council to act as Secretary and Treasurer to the Joint Committee, respectively. In this respect the Joint Committee has adopted the procedures operated by Sunderland City Council which includes a code of conduct for its members, a scheme of delegation and financial and contract procedure rules. Where further developments are required, the Joint Committee will take appropriate action.

Elsewhere within the Annual Return an Annual Governance Statement has been included to comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003. This requirement came into effect for 2007/2008 and further widened the scope of the previously required Statement of Internal Control. This Statement now relates to the whole system of internal controls, both financial and non-financial, and confirms that there is a sound system of internal control in place. The Joint Committee will continue to ensure action is taken when necessary to maintain and develop the system of internal control in the future.

P Watson

Chairman of the Joint Committee

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

## Certification of the Annual Return

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As chairman of the Joint Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010, I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Audited Annual Return for 2009/2010 by this Committee, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 Regulation 7(1), and confirm that the Audited Annual Return was approved at the Joint Committee of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 in accordance with sub-paragraph 10 (3) (a) with regard to the aforementioned Regulations.

P Watson

Chairman of the Joint Committee

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

# Membership of the Joint Committee

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The members, from each constituent authority, of the Joint Committee for the year 2009/2010 were as follows:

## **Sunderland City Council**

Councillor P Watson (Chairman)  
Councillor F Anderson

Substitutes: Councillor P Gibson  
Councillor D Allan

## **Gateshead Council**

Councillor M F Henry (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor M Gannon - Amended from Substitute as of 25/06/09

Substitutes: Councillor J I Mearns - Amended to Substitute as of 25/06/09  
Councillor B Goldsworthy

## **City of Newcastle Upon Tyne Council**

Councillor R Armstrong - Amended from Substitute as of 25/06/09  
Councillor B Shepard  
Councillor J Shipley - Resigned 25/06/09

Substitutes: Councillor T Woodwark - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor D Faulkner

## **North Tyneside Borough Council**

Mrs L Arkley (Mayor) - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor J Wallace - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor J Allan - Resigned 25/06/09  
Mayor Mr J Harrison - Resigned 25/06/09

Substitutes: Councillor L Goveas - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor J MacNamara - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor B Burdis - Resigned 25/06/09  
Councillor M A Green - Resigned 25/06/09

## **South Tyneside Borough Council**

Councillor I Malcolm - Resigned 25/06/09  
Councillor H E McAtominey - Amended from Substitute as of 25/06/09  
Councillor A Kerr

Substitutes: Councillor M Clare - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor J Foreman - Appointed 25/06/09  
Councillor E Malcolm - Resigned 25/06/09

# Foreword by the Treasurer

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The Joint Committee is defined in the Accounts and Audit Regulations as a smaller relevant body and as such is exempt from preparing a Statement of Accounts under the SORP. It is, however, required to produce an Annual Return prepared in accordance with proper practices in relation to accounts. This means that the provisions of the 'Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: A Statement of Recommended Practice 2009' published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) will be relevant, to the extent that they are not overridden or made redundant by statutory requirements.

The Annual Return of the Joint Committee for the financial year 2009/2010 is shown in the following pages and contains the following financial statements that are required to be prepared under the Code of Practice:

## **Statement of Responsibilities for the Annual Return**

This discloses the respective responsibilities of the Joint Committee and the Treasurer.

## **Statement of Accounting Policies**

This discloses the accounting policies that are significant to the understanding of the Annual Return.

## **Annual Governance Statement**

This statement sets out the principal arrangements that are in place to ensure a sound system of internal control is maintained.

## **Income and Expenditure Account**

This statement brings together expenditure and income relating to all of the Joint Committee's functions.

## **Balance Sheet**

This shows the balances and reserves available to the Joint Committee, its long-term indebtedness, the fixed and net current assets employed by it, and information on the fixed assets held.

## **Cash Flow Statement**

This summarises the inflows and outflows of cash arising from transactions with third parties for revenue and capital purposes.

## **Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses**

This brings together all the recognised gains and losses of the Joint Committee during the period, and identifies those, which have and have not been recognised in the Consolidated Revenue Account.

# Foreword by the Treasurer

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## Summary

The constitution of the Joint Committee was agreed and signed by all of its members who represent the District Councils of the Tyne and Wear area. The Committee has operated successfully during the year, in order to both promote and achieve the aims and objectives of the Joint Committee with a view to securing best use of resources and ensuring sound systems of internal control.

The Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee currently receives financial support from the Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited (TWDCo). The board of TWDCo may transfer any amount that exceeds £250,000 in its net asset worth, calculated in its final audited group accounts, to the Joint Committee. This is, however, dependent on the results of the TWDCo group of companies and a contribution cannot be guaranteed in any specific year.

At the March 2009 meeting of the Joint Committee it was agreed to further extend the life of the Joint Committee for another 5 year period (March 2014). This recognises that the current arrangements have proved highly effective in fulfilling the aim of promoting the economic development interests of the participating district councils. To date the participating authorities have also had the option, under the Agreement, to withdraw from the arrangements by giving twelve months notice. This option is designed to both allow a member authority to withdraw for its own reasons, and for the service to be 'managed down' should the assets available prove insufficient to maintain a viable service. The success of the service to date means that this situation has not yet arisen.

During the year the Income and Expenditure Account shows a small surplus for the year of £2,086 which has in turn increased reserves to a total of £1,847,991 at the year end, after taking into account the awarding of grants and loans of £11,000 in 2009/2010 which has already been included in the reported position. The reserves held by the Joint Committee continue to be used to meet both the running costs of the Joint Committee and for use in promoting economic activity throughout Tyne and Wear.

G Blyth, CPFA  
Treasurer to the Joint Committee

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010



# Statement of Responsibilities

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## **The Joint Committee's Responsibilities**

The Joint Committee is required:

1. To make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Joint Committee, that officer is the Treasurer who is also the Director of Financial Resources of the Lead Authority (Sunderland City Council).
2. To manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and to safeguard its assets.

## **The Treasurer's Responsibility to the Joint Committee**

The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the Joint Committee's Annual Return which, in terms of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain ('The Code'), is required to present fairly the financial position of the Joint Committee at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2010.

In preparing this Annual Return, the Treasurer has:

1. Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
2. Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
3. Complied with the Code, except where disclosed.

The Treasurer has also:

1. Kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
2. Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Treasurer confirms that the above responsibilities have been observed and that the accounts set out in the following pages show a true and fair view of the financial position of Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

George Blyth CPFA  
Treasurer to the Joint Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

# Statement of Accounting Policies

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## General Principles

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the principles of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom: A Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2009 issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). They conform with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice as required for smaller bodies except where disclosed in the following notes.

## Debtors and Creditors

Revenue transactions are recorded on a system of receipts and payments during the year. At the end of the year payments are converted to expenditure by including relevant items paid within the first two weeks of the following year, together with any known outstanding items. The treatment of expenditure and income, which relates to periods which span the 31<sup>st</sup> March year end, requires further explanation.

### Payments relating to the accounting year but paid after 31<sup>st</sup> March

In these cases the charges made in the financial year reflect the true and full cost of operating expenses for the Joint Committee applicable in the financial year.

### Debtors

Recovery of sums due to the Joint Committee is recorded in the revenue account as cash is received. The debtors in the balance sheet represent sums due to the Joint Committee which had not been paid by the year end, but are regarded as collectable.

## Cost of Support Services

Support services are provided to the Joint Committee by Sunderland City Council.

## Provisions

Provisions are amounts set aside to meet specific future expenditure, the amount and timing of which cannot yet be accurately determined. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 provision was made for expenditure relating to the external audit.

## Internal Interest

Internal Interest is credited to the revenue account based on the level of fund balances. The amounts are calculated using 7-day money market rates.

## External Interest

External Interest is credited to the revenue account based on the level of fund balances held and in the accounts of the period to which they relate.

# Statement of Accounting Policies

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## VAT

The Joint Committee can recover VAT as it is a recognised local authority joint committee in accordance with the VAT Act 1994 Section 33. The revenue account as such is prepared net of the VAT recoverable.

## Reserves

Reserves include earmarked reserves set aside for the specific purpose of promoting economic development of the Tyne and Wear area in accordance with the constitution of the Joint Committee and also includes balances which represent resources set aside for purposes such as a general contingency and cash flow management.

## Investments

Investments are held both with Sunderland City Council as short term investments and also with external financial institutions and are shown in the balance sheet at cost. Provision for losses in value are made where appropriate in accordance with the SORP. No such provisions have been considered necessary at this time.

## FRS17 (Accounting for Pension costs)

The Joint Committee does not employ any staff and as such the requirements of FRS17 do not apply.

## Group Accounts

The Joint Committee has no financial relationships with any related companies, joint ventures or joint arrangements, consequently, the requirement to produce group accounts does not apply.

## Adoption of FRS25, FRS26 and FRS29 (Financial Instruments)

The SORP changes applicable since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 do not apply to smaller bodies and as such are not reflected in these accounts.

## Loans made and loan repayments

These transactions are included in the Income and Expenditure Account and all loans made and repayments received are accrued into the appropriate financial year they relate.

# Annual Governance Statement

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1. This statement is given in respect of the Annual Return 2009/2010 for the Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee. We acknowledge our responsibilities for ensuring that an effective system of internal control is maintained and operated in connection with the resources concerned.
2. The system of internal control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, that transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.
3. The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial procedure rules, procedure manuals covering financial and administrative matters (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability and an annually reviewed Risk Assessment. The system includes:
  - A clear delegation scheme;
  - Comprehensive budgeting and financial control systems;
  - A robust system of budgetary control including formal reports at every meeting of the Joint Committee and an annual financial report which indicates financial performance against the budgets and commitments;
  - The preparation of regular financial reports for the Joint Committee which indicate actual expenditure against commitments and forecasts;
  - Clearly defined grant expenditure guidelines;
  - Use of appropriate project management disciplines;
  - An annually reviewed Risk Assessment.
4. In order to ensure an independent review of the adequacy, or otherwise, of the systems of internal control, Sunderland City Council maintains an adequate and effective internal audit which, provides internal audit services to the Joint Committee. The Internal Audit Division has been certified as meeting ISO 9001:2008 standards and fully complies with all relevant professional standards.

The work of Internal Audit is based upon its three year Strategic Audit Plan which covers all areas of activity and the associated risks and is updated to reflect new initiatives, risk areas and legislation. The annual audit plan is drawn up from the Strategic Audit Plan and resources are allocated to reflect the level of assessed risk of each area.

The Head of Internal Audit reports the findings of audits to the Manager of the Joint Committee and if appropriate to the Treasurer, and action is agreed to address these findings as necessary.

5. The review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by:
  - The work of the Manager and the Joint Committee;
  - The annual risk assessment as reported;
  - The work of the Internal Audit Division as described above; and
  - The external auditors in their annual audit letter, opinion on the accounts and other reports

## Annual Governance Statement

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6. Whilst the Internal Audit Section has concluded that, work performed in relation to the Joint Committee has not raised any issues of concern in relation to internal control, the internal control system can always be improved. We will ensure that any recommendations for improvement arising from findings from internal audit reports to the control system are implemented.

G Blyth, CPFA  
Treasurer

P Buie  
Manager

D Smith  
Secretary

P Watson  
Chairman

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

# Annual Return - Accounting Statements

## Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

	Notes	2009/2010		2008/2009	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Contributions from TWDCo	1	0		0	
Interest received		8,137		66,814	
Grant funding and loan repayments		<u>34,555</u>	<u>42,692</u>	<u>35,695</u>	102,509
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Running expenses	2b	29,606		29,127	
Grant and Loan payments and write offs	3	<u>11,000</u>	<u>40,606</u>	144,080	173,207
Net surplus/(deficit) for year before appropriations			<b>2,086</b>		(70,698)
Less Appropriations:					
Transfer to earmarked reserves			(2,086)		70,698
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year			<u><b>0</b></u>		<u><b>0</b></u>

## Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

	2009/2010	2008/2009
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year on the Income and Expenditure Account	<b>2,086</b>	(70,698)
Surplus arising on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0
Actuarial gains/(losses) on pension fund assets and liabilities	0	0
<b>Total recognised gains/(losses) for the year</b>	<u><b>2,086</b></u>	<u>(70,698)</u>

# Annual Return - Accounting Statements

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2010

	Notes	2009/2010		2008/2009	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			0		0
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	7	42,773		76,916	
Cash at bank		32,581		14,977	
Investments - short term	8	1,793,000		1,793,000	
Total current assets		<u>1,868,354</u>		<u>1,884,893</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors		19,688		37,145	
Provisions		675		1,843	
Total current liabilities		<u>20,363</u>		<u>38,988</u>	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>			1,847,991		1,845,905
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>			<u>1,847,991</u>		<u>1,845,905</u>
<b>General reserves</b>					
General reserves brought forward		1,845,905		1,916,603	
Revenue account surplus/(deficit)		<u>2,086</u>	1,847,991	<u>(70,698)</u>	1,845,905
<b>Total equity</b>			<u>1,847,991</u>		<u>1,845,905</u>

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## Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

This statement summarises the flow of cash from revenue and capital transactions with third parties.

	Notes	2009/2010		2008/2009	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Revenue Activities</b>					
Cash outflows					
Operating costs		(39,178)		(27,493)	
Grants to organisations		(11,000)		(144,080)	
		<u>(50,178)</u>		<u>(171,573)</u>	
Cash inflows					
Other revenue cash income		<u>38,027</u>	(12,151)	<u>67,960</u>	(103,613)
<b>Returns on investments</b>					
Cash inflows					
Interest received			<u>29,755</u>		<u>107,464</u>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from revenue activities</b>	11		<u>17,604</u>		<u>3,851</u>
<b>Capital activities</b>					
Cash inflows		0		0	
Cash outflows		0		0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing</b>			<u>17,604</u>		<u>3,851</u>
<b>Management of liquid resources</b>					
Net (increase)/decrease in short term deposits	13		0		10,000
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash</b>	12		<u><u>17,604</u></u>		<u><u>13,851</u></u>



# Notes to the Accounting Statements

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## Notes to the Income and Expenditure Account

### 1. Contributions from Tyne and Wear Economic Development Company

	2009/2010 £	2008/2009 £
Payment on account	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The precise amount to be paid by the Tyne and Wear Economic Development Company for 2009/2010 will not be available until the final accounts have been completed, however, no transfer is anticipated for 2009/2010.

### 2. Running Costs

- a) An application to H M Revenue and Customs to recover all of the VAT incurred by the Joint Committee was successful in 2002/2003, and the accounts prepared up to 2009/2010 showed the VAT recoverable separately as income in the Income and Expenditure Account. The amounts of VAT recoverable in each year's accounts are as follows:

	2009/2010 £	2008/2009 £
Recoverable VAT	10,535	12,085
	<u>10,535</u>	<u>12,085</u>

- b) Running costs are categorised as Supplies and Services under the CIPFA Best Value Accounting Code of Practice. An external audit recommendation states running costs should be shown net of VAT. The accounts, have, since 2004/2005, reflected this accounting treatment.

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## 3. Grant and Loan Payments and Write Offs

	2009/2010 £	2008/2009 £
TWDCo - Main Company grant commitments	0	0
Economic Development Grants in:		
Gateshead	0	3,166
Newcastle	0	3,166
North Tyneside	11,000	6,416
South Tyneside	0	128,166
Sunderland	0	3,166
	<b>11,000</b>	<b>144,080</b>

The above figures includes grant and loan payments as agreed by the Joint Committee and include those grants originally transferred from Tyne and Wear Development Company Ltd. The Joint Committee has to agree and approve all additional schemes during the year and it also approves any loan arrangements, it considers are suitable, in each circumstance, in order to ensure the key objectives of this expenditure meets the aims of the Joint Committee. The above grant and loan payments met the aims and objectives of the Committee.

## 4. Audit Costs

In 2009/2010 the Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee incurred the following fees relating to external audit and inspection, which are also included in running costs shown in the Income and Expenditure Account.

	2009/2010 £	2008/2009 £
Fees payable to the External Auditors	575	550
	<b>575</b>	<b>550</b>

## 5. Publicity

Section 5(i) of the Local Government Act 1986, requires local authorities to keep an account of their expenditure on publicity. The Joint Committee has had no such expenditure during the financial years set out below:

	2009/2010 £	2008/2009 £
Publicity	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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## 6. Members Allowances and Officers Emoluments

The Joint Committee does not employ any staff and therefore has no employees whose remuneration, excluding pension contributions, was £50,000 or more in bands of £10,000.

Any relevant Members Allowances are met by the constituent authorities and therefore no Councillors Allowances are included in the Annual Return of the Joint Committee.

## Notes to the Balance Sheet

### 7. Debtors

Debtors include the following main items:

	As at 31 March 2010 £	As at 31 March 2009 £
Loan repayments	34,555	39,377
Interest on investments	4,479	25,454
H M Revenue and Customs - VAT	3,032	12,085
H M Revenue and customs - Tax Refund	707	0
	<u>42,773</u>	<u>76,916</u>

### 8. Investments

Investment funds are held with the following organisations:

	As at 31 March 2010 £	As at 31 March 2009 £
Sunderland Council (temporary loan basis)	1,093,000	1,103,000
Abbey Santander Reserve Account	700,000	700,000
	<u>1,793,000</u>	<u>1,803,000</u>

### 9. Expenditure Commitments

At 31 March 2010 the Joint Committee had expenditure commitments authorised and approved by members of the Committee of £989,158 in respect of grants payable to companies located in, or who may possibly locate in, the region. Because of the uncertain nature of these commitments and the fact certain criteria have to be met before the grants can be awarded (and it is also possible the grant may never be paid), transactions are not considered to be provisions under the Statement of Accounting Practice.

### 10. Related Party Transactions

The Joint Committee members are representatives of the councils of Sunderland City and City of Newcastle upon Tyne, and the Borough Councils of Gateshead, North Tyneside and South Tyneside. There are no other related party transactions to be disclosed.

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## Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

### 11. Revenue Activities

The net cash flow can be reconciled to the Income and Expenditure Account as follows:

	Year Ended 31 March 2010 £	Year Ended 31 March 2009 £
<b>Surplus/(deficit) per Income and Expenditure Account</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>(70,698)</b>
<b>Non cash transactions</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors - revenue	<b>34,142</b>	71,484
Increase/(decrease) in creditors/provisions	<b>(18,624)</b>	3,063
Transfer of loans to revenue grants in year	<b>0</b>	0
	<b>17,604</b>	<b>3,851</b>

### 12. Increase/(Decrease) in Cash During 2009/10

	Year Ended 31/03/10 £	Year Ended 31/03/09 £	Movement 2009/2010 £	Movement 2008/2009 £
Cash	<b>32,581</b>	14,977	<b>17,604</b>	13,851

### 13. Increase/(Decrease) in Liquid Resources

	Year Ended 31/03/10 £	Year Ended 31/03/09 £	Movement 2009/2010 £	Movement 2008/2009 £
Short term deposits/investments	<b>1,793,000</b>	1,793,000	<b>0</b>	(10,000)

## Memorandum Item - Note of Loans Outstanding

The table on the next page gives details of all loans made and the position as at 31st March 2010. The loans are interest free, although each district administering the loans can charge an administration fee to cover their costs involved.

The loans made and the loan repayments received are accounted for in the Income and Expenditure account on an accrued basis in line with the accounting policy adopted.

The amounts included in the table are consistent with the commitments as reported to the Joint Committee throughout the past year.

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## Schedule of Loans Outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

Organisation/ Company	Amount of Loan Approved £	Date Approved	Agreed Terms	District Council Admin Fee %	Balance at 31 March 2010 £	Balance at 31 March 2009 £
<b>Newcastle</b> Company P	20,000	09/01/03	Repayments to commence 09/07/03 over 2 years. Now revised agreement, payments to commence 01/05/04.	2.5	0	1,708
Company TH	30,000	22/06/06	Repayments to commence 13/08/08 over 2 years	2.5	10,250	25,098
Company T	15,000	16/11/06	Repayments to commence 27/11/07 over 2 years.	2.5	0	5,468
Company PM	10,000	16/11/06	Repayments to commence 19/01/08 over 2 years.	2.5	0	4,067
Company H	10,000	16/11/06	Repayments to commence 12/04/08 over 2 years.	2.5	0	5,098
<b>Sunderland</b> Company CS	100,000	11/11/04	Repayments to commence 01/10/04 over 4 years.	5.1	0	0
<b>South Tyneside</b> *Company NLG Ltd	125,000	13/11/08	Repayments are to commence in June 2009 over 2 years	8.8	0	125,000
	<b>310,000</b>				<b>10,250</b>	<b>166,439</b>

\*Company NLG Ltd. went into administration on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and as £5,699 has been recovered from the company this leaves a balance of £119,301 which has been written off as the Joint Committee has been informed that there is no prospect of any further monies being recovered.

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