

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

Minutes of the 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 Limited, Investor  
House, Colima Avenue, Sunderland  
Enterprise Park, Sunderland on  
THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012 at  
1.30 p.m.

### **PART I**

#### **Present:-**

Councillor P. Watson (in the Chair)	- Sunderland City Council
Councillor M. Speding	- Sunderland City Council
Councillor B. Goldsworthy	- Gateshead Council
Councillor M. Johnson	- Newcastle City Council
Councillor A. Kerr	- South Tyneside Council
Councillor S. Mortimer	- North Tyneside Council
Councillor D. Lilly	- North Tyneside Council

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Henry, Gannon, N. Forbes, McAtominey, Wallace and Mayor Arkley.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations on interest.

#### **Minutes**

12. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

#### **Membership of the Joint Committee 2012/2013**

The Secretary submitted a report detailing the following appointments made to the Joint Committee for the year 2012/2013 by South Tyneside Council:-

Councillor A. Kerr  
Councillor H. E. McAtominey  
Substitutes – Councillors J. Anglin and J. Foreman

It was:-

13. RESOLVED that the appointments made by South Tyneside Council for 2012/2013 be noted.

### **Audited Statement of Accounts 2011/2012**

The Treasurer to the Joint Committee submitted a report detailing the communications received from the External Auditors concerning the financial statement for 2011/2012 and providing the Audited Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for 2011/2012, for approval by Members.

The Treasurer referred the committee to the unqualified audited Annual Return at Appendix 1 of the report and the unadjusted and audited Statement of Accounts at Appendix 2.

Members noted that in summary the communication showed that:-

- The external auditors had issued an unqualified audit opinion.
- There were no changes required to the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return presented for audit.
- There were no misstatements identified in the Statement of Accounts / Annual Return.
- The external auditor had not identified any issues in relation to the qualitative aspects of the Joint Committee's accounting practices and financial reporting.
- The external auditor had 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.

14. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the unqualified audited Annual Return issued by the External Auditors, BDO LLP (Chartered Accounts) be noted; and
- (ii) the unadjusted and audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2012, be approved.

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

15. 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).

### **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.

(Signed) P. WATSON,  
Chairman.

