

Minutes of a **MEETING** of the **POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE** held at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2014** at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Golightly (Chairman) and Councillors Anderson, Blackburn and Lethbridge and L. Zair.

Also Present: Councillor L Brownlee and David Anderson, (Town Clerk)

PS.17/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present.

PS.18/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

PS.19/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

PS.20/13 MODEL STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to draft Standing Orders which had been updated based on a model recently issued by NALC.

Whilst local councils were not obliged to adopt the model Standing Orders, it was suggested that they should do so to ensure that the Council's documentation was kept up to date and within current regulations.

Particular consideration was given to highlighted sections where the Council had a degree of discretion to tailor the model standing orders. Suitable amendments were made where discretion allowed.

RECOMMENDED: That the draft Standing Orders, as amended, be submitted to Council for consideration and adoption.