# WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13th March 2018

<u>Present:</u> Councillors B O'Kane (Chairman); J Forster; R. Gill; J. Laine; T Lowrey; C Maudling; G. Roberts

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer V. Gorley Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

#### 922/18 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Guest and Councillor Rayson

### 923/18 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

There were no declarations of interest

# 924/18 <u>Public Participation</u>

There was no public participation.

#### **925/18 IN PRIVATE**

Prior to the following items of business the Chairman moved the following Resolution:-

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and/or press be instructed to withdraw

**RESOLVED** – That this be approved. There were no public or press present.

#### 926/18 Appointment of an Internal Auditor

The Council considered a report on the appointment of an Internal Auditor to carry out 2 internal Audits in 2018/2019

**RESOLVED** – That Julie Hartley be appointed as the Council's internal Auditor for 2018/2019 on the costs submitted in the quotation.

#### 927/18 Quotations received for the Preparation of a Community Plan

Further to Minute 863/17(v) the Council invited quotes for the preparation of a Community Plan. Two quotes were received and the Council heard presentations from both parties and asked questions. Following a discussion on the presentations it was

**RESOLVED** – That the quotation received from ACTion with Communities in Cumbria be accepted and they prepare the Community Plan with and for the Council

# 928/18 Quotations received for the Provision of a Health and Safety Consultant

Further to Minute 852/17 a quote had been received for the provision of a health and safety service to the Council. Members considered a report on this and it was:-

**RESOLVED** – That Kym Allan Health and Safety Consultants Ltd be appointed to provide a health and safety service to the Council at the price specified in the quotation and that the Council sign the Agreement with Kym Allan.

# 929/18 Skip Hire for Allotment Sites

The Council heard that the 4 allotment sites had requested skips to be provided on each allotment site to dispose of all vegetation prior to the forthcoming growing season. Following consideration of this request and of quotations received for the provision of skips it was:-

**RESOLVED** – (i) That a skip be provided for each allotment site (ii) That the quotation from JM giving the price per skip hired be accepted.

# 930/18 Provision of Legal Advice

The Council considered a report on the provision of legal advice to the Council and considered hourly rates supplied by local solicitors.

**RESOLVED** – That the Council accepts Burnett Solicitors as its legal provider and that the Clerk can contact Burnetts to seek legal advice necessary to advise Council.

The Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Chairman