WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the Zoom Platform on 22nd April 2021

<u>Present</u>: Councillor B O'Kane (Chairman); Councillor E Dinsdale; Councillor C Hayes; Councillor R Gill; Councillor J Rayson; Councillor R Redmond; Councillor G Roberts

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

1750/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Arrighi, Councillor G Dinsdale and Councillor L Walmsley

1751/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

1752/21 Public Participation

There was no public participation

Councillor Redmond entered the Meeting at this point

1753/21 Return to Face to Face Meetings

Councillor € Dinsdale entered the Meeting during the consideration of the report on this item and the Clerk gave a resume of what had been said

The Council considered a report on the legal position regarding the holding of virtual Council Meetings and in particular that the Regulations only provide for virtual Council Meetings to take place up to and including 6th May 2021. Any Council meetings from 7th May 2021 onwards have to be face to face meetings. The Council heard that there was a High Court case challenging this but the judgement was not yet known. It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on 27th

May 2021 face to face. A vote was held and 6 Councillors voted for and 1 Councillor abstained.

RESOLVED – That the Annual meeting of the Council be held on 27th May 2021 face to face.

The Meeting closed at 6.16pm

Chairman