

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council held at the County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 24 August 2004 at 10.00 a.m.**

Present:

Councillor Alan Fenwick in the Chair.

Councillors Armstrong, Barker, Blenkinsopp, Coates, Davies, Dormer, Douthwaite, Forster, E Foster, Henderson, D Hodgson, M Hodgson, Howarth, E Hunter, G Hunter, Maddison, Magee, Manton, Martin, Morgan, Myers, Ord, Pendlebury, Priestley, Pye, Robson, Ross, Shuttleworth, Stradling, Tennant, Wade, Walker and Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ebbatson, Firby, Hogan, Lightley, Marshall and Quigley.

A1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received from Members in relation to the business on the agenda.

A2 Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements to report.

A3 Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2004

The Council considered a report and received a presentation from the County Treasurer seeking approval of the attached Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2004. An amendment to the Statement (Pages 14, 16 and 18 - County Fund Consolidated Balance Sheet) was circulated at the meeting which detailed a number of adjustments, none of which affected key figures.

The County Treasurer advised that the Accounts were still subject to examination by the External Audit.

Resolved:

1. That the Report and Statement as amended be approved.
2. That the Council place on record its appreciation of the efforts of the County Treasurer and all other staff in preparing the Accounts for approval.

A4 Re-Scheduling of Council Meeting

Resolved:

That to enable the Council to be advised on the outcome of the Regional Assembly/Local Government Review Referendum and for Members to determine an initial response, the next Council Meeting be re-scheduled to Tuesday 9 November.