Minutes of the meeting of the AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE held at 9.30am on Wednesday 18 September 2013 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor R W Hudson (In the Chair)

Councillor D E Adamson Mrs B S Fortune Councillor M Rigby

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C S Cookman, G W Dadd and J N Smith.)

AGS.15 MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 June 2012 (AGS.3 - AGS.14), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

AGS. 16 <u>STATUTORY AUDITOR – REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON THE 2012/13 AUDIT</u>

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The Director of Resources presented the statutory auditor's report on the 2012/13 audit together with the Council's Financial Report which includes the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 and the Annual Governance Statement for approval.

Paul Thompson from Deloitte attended the meeting and presented the statutory auditor's report on the audited Statement of Accounts. He also thanked officers at Hambleton for their assistance during the audit.

As part of the annual Audit, the Council was required to write to the Audit Commission confirming the position regarding issues such as compliance with regulations and the accuracy of records. This letter was known as the management representation letter and was discussed and agreed by the Committee for signing on its behalf by the Council's Director of Resources, acting in the capacity of S.151 Officer.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To consider the findings, conclusions and recommendations from the Annual Audit; to confirm the position regarding issues such as compliance with regulations and the accuracy of records and to agree the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement.

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That:

- (1) Deloitte's report on the 2012/13 Audit be accepted;
- (2) the Management Representation Letter be approved and signed by the Council's Director of Resources, acting in the capacity of S.151 Officer; and
- (3) the audited Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 and the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

The meeting closed at 10.10am

Chairman of the Committee