



22. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES:- None to date.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members will be asked whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members are reminded that a declaration can be given later in the meeting if a need arises during discussion.

24. COMMUNITY EVENTS:- Christmas Event 2013

Members will recall that it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group should be set up to formulate a detailed scope so that a more enhanced Christmas event could be developed for approval at the next meeting scheduled on 21 October 2013. However, the Task and Finish Group considered it necessary to convene this Special Partnership Committee so that the proposed event components and associated budget can be determined.

It has already been agreed that the standard elements of the event, i.e. the arrival of Santa and the switching-on of the tree lights etc., be scheduled for Friday, 6 December 2013, and needs to be only slightly enhanced which is achievable within the agreed budget of £1,500.

In addition, the Group propose that a Grand Christmas Firework event takes place on Friday, 13 December 2013 on Scar Top and that a 'Twelve Days of Christmas Trail' be created involving various organisations such as the Barnard Castle Business Guild. It is considered that a budget of no more than £5,000 will be sufficient to develop these proposals to fruition. It can be confirmed that there are sufficient funds in the 2013/14 Community Events budget for this proposal to be approved.

Recommendation - That a budget of no more than £5,000 be used towards a 'Twelve Days of Christmas Trail' and Christmas Fireworks Event.