

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**1 APRIL 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs Moorhouse (Town Mayor) (in the Chair); Councillors Blissett Miss Blissett, Chatterjee, Child, Hallimond, Harrison, Kirkbride, Sutherland and Mrs Thompson.

**Also in attendance:** None

**Officers:** Mr King (Town Clerk) and Miss C Atkinson (Services Officer Finance).

**114. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Peat.

**115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**116. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IN RESPECT OF ITEM 117, BELOW).**

**Resolved** – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 §1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at item 117, below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**117. TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONSIDER NEXT ACTIONS ON A CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING MATTER**

Council considered a verbal report from the Clerk.

**Resolved** – (a) That Council's thanks be passed to Miss Atkinson and Mrs Farren for the excellent work and professionalism shown over the previous weeks;  
(b) That Council confirm under Standing Order 4(f)(x) that meetings of the Staffing Subcommittee would not be public meetings;  
(c) That an investigation by the Clerk, under the terms set out in the Council's constitution be established into a separate allegation, to report to a future meeting of Resources Committee (or Council) and that all consequent actions be taken in line with the council's policy, within twelve weeks;  
(d) That Council appoint CLR Law to provide independent legal advice in ongoing disciplinary matters and that the approved budget for the process be raised to £1,700 to accommodate this;  
(e) That the Clerk clarify the terms of the invoice submitted by the investigator in respect of the initial investigation in relation to time billed and information submitted, prior to any payment.