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# THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

## ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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## THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of The Association of North East Councils Limited for the year ended 31 March 2016 prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you.

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts are properly prepared.

### OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section.

Nigel Wyrley-Birch (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
**Ryecroft Glenton**

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

32 Portland Terrace
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE2 1QP

18 November 2016

**THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED**
**(A company limited by guarantee)**
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 05014821**

## ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET
## AS AT 31 MARCH 2016

| | Note | £ | 2016 £ | £ | 2015 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Debtors | | **881,208** | | *384,177* | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | **3,627,305** | | *4,245,362* | |
| | | **4,508,513** | | *4,629,539* | |
| **CREDITORS:** amounts falling due within one year | | **(3,161,501)** | | *(3,399,925)* | |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | | **1,347,012** | | *1,229,614* |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | | **1,347,012** | | *1,229,614* |
| Defined benefit pension scheme liability | | | **(1,539,000)** | | *(1,989,000)* |
| **NET LIABILITIES INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITY** | | | **(191,988)** | | *(759,386)* |
| **CAPITAL AND RESERVES** | | | | | |
| Income and expenditure account | | | **(191,988)** | | *(759,386)* |
| | | | **(191,988)** | | *(759,386)* |

The abbreviated accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 18 November 2016.

**Paul Watson**
Director

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The full financial statements, from which these abbreviated accounts have been extracted, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

#### 1.2 Going concern

The directors, having made due and careful enquiry in the preparation of forecasts, are of the opinion that the company has adequate working capital to execute its operations over the next 12 months. The directors have therefore made an informed judgement, at the time of approving the financial statements, that there is a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. As a result, the directors have continued to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises subscriptions receivable from the members of the association, and rebates receivable from suppliers relating to non-member local authorities, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Office equipment | - | 25% straight line |

#### 1.5 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.6 Pensions

The company operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on a full actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2013.

#### 1.7 Transactions not reflected within the income and expenditure account

Climate North East is part of a national network of twelve climate change partnerships in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales under the auspices of Climate UK, which is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company. The company is hosting the partnership by providing accommodation and hold their funds in its bank account whilst paying Climate North East's salaries and other expenses.

The Association has no control over the strategy, day to day activities or transactions of Climate North East and consequently income and expenditure relating to it is not included within the accounts of the company. Outstanding amounts due in respect of Climate North East are reflected in the debtors and creditors of the company.

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

### 2. OTHER FINANCE INCOME

| | 2016 | *2015* |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | *£* |
| Expected return on pension scheme assets | **272,000** | *477,000* |
| Interest on pension scheme liabilities | **(331,000)** | *(363,000)* |
| Total | **(59,000)** | *114,000* |

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

### 3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | £ |
|---|---|
| **Cost** | |
| At 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 | **37,040** |
| **Depreciation** | |
| At 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 | **37,040** |
| **Net book value** | |
| At 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 | **-** |

### 4. COMPANY STATUS

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.