

Motion on Copeland BC Accounts for Full Council on 29th July

1) This council notes with concern that, despite employing outside help described by the Whitehaven News as having cost £93,875, the accounts for last year are still not in a position to be closed and the council's Chief Executive has stated that the council has "no choice" but to hire more external support to complete the accounts.

2) This council considers that the impact of these costs on council services needs to be assessed and an analysis made of how accounts can be completed on time in future for the lowest cost consistent with publication of accurate and transparent accounts.

3) This council resolves to instruct the officers to prepare a report for circulation to all councillors which will cover

- * How the situation that the accounts are so late has arisen, and how this can be avoided in future

- * What the total cost of putting this right will be, how this will affect the council's overall financial situation and whether there will be an impact on services

- * Whether all the published reports from officers to the Executive and Audit committee about the accounts in the past six months have been fully accurate, and if not, why not

4) This report should be completed in time to be circulated with the agenda for the next full council meeting and debated at that meeting.

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Chris Whiteside.

(to be seconded by David Moore)