

Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 Notes

Council Meeting 21/6/21

21-22-FC2-12

The Council considered its answer to question 8.

The Town Council pay a service charge to Newcastle Borough Council regarding some shared services on the Victoria Hall and Town Hall. After close of the accounts, in early June, a further invoice was received from Newcastle-Borough Council which relates to some water charges that Newcastle-under Lyme Borough Council had been disputing with their supplier. The charges relate to two previous years' accounts and the Town Council's share of the settled bill amounts to £4154.33. The yearend shut down was complete and the Council could not have anticipated this cost value in advance. Since the amount relates to more than one previous year, the Council decided not to reopen accounts but to follow the internal auditor's recommendation to prevent this occurrence happening in the future and to liaise with the borough council for more verification of our liability.