

**NORTH EAST FIRE CONTROL COMPANY LIMITED**  
(A company limited by guarantee)

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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**DIRECTORS**

Councillor B Forster JP - Chairman  
Councillor D Charlton  
Councillor J Bell  
Councillor E J O'Donnell  
Councillor R W Payne  
Councillor L J Rickerby JP  
Councillor M N Stoker  
Councillor J A Thompson  
Councillor L A Wright  
Councillor J Chaplow (appointed 22 January 2009)  
Councillor B Graham (appointed 5 June 2009)  
Councillor G R Haley (appointed 25 June 2009)  
Councillor I P Lindley (appointed 29 April 2009)  
Councillor F S Reid (appointed 22 January 2009)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr C J Stockwell

**COMPANY NUMBER**

06064264

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Fire Control Centre  
Belmont Business Park  
Durham  
County Durham  
DH1 1TW

**AUDITORS**

Horwath Clark Whitehill (North East) LLP  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Oakland House  
40 Victoria Road  
Hartlepool  
TS26 8DD

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2009.

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the company is the operation of a fire control centre.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the period were:

Councillor B Forster JP - Chairman (appointed 17 July 2008)  
Councillor D Charlton (appointed 18 September 2008)  
Councillor J Bell  
Councillor R Herron (appointed 17 July 2008 & resigned 15 June 2009)  
Councillor S J Iveson (resigned 5 June 2009)  
Councillor B L Myers MBE JP (appointed 17 July 2008 & resigned 3 April 2009)  
Councillor E J O'Donnell (appointed 17 July 2008)  
Councillor R W Payne  
Councillor L J Rickerby JP (appointed 17 July 2008)  
Councillor M N Stoker (appointed 17 July 2008)  
Councillor A Tebbut (appointed 17 July 2008 & resigned 23 April 2009)  
Councillor J A Thompson (appointed 18 September 2008)  
Councillor L A Wright (appointed 17 July 2008)  
Councillor G C Porter (resigned 9 May 2008)  
Councillor S Cook (resigned 14 July 2008)  
Councillor J E Fletcher (resigned 13 May 2008)  
Councillor A W Reid (resigned 9 May 2008)  
Councillor W Brooks (resigned 9 May 2008)

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**PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Horwath Clark Whitehill (North East) LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 9 October 2009 and signed on its behalf.

**Councillor B Forster JP - Chairman**  
Director

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH EAST FIRE CONTROL COMPANY LIMITED**

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We have audited the financial statements of North East Fire Control Company Limited for the period ended 31 March 2009, set out on pages 5 to 9. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

**BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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**UNQUALIFIED OPINION**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its results for the period then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

**HORWATH CLARK WHITEHILL (NORTH EAST) LLP**

Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors

HARTLEPOOL

13 October 2009

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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

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	Note	Period ended 31 March 2009 £	<i>Period ended 31 December 2007 £</i>
<b>TURNOVER</b>	1	<b>1,514,548</b>	-
Administrative expenses		<b>(1,514,548)</b>	-
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<b>SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
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<b>SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>		-	-
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The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2009**

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	Note	31 March 2009		31 December 2007	
		£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	3	535,882		-	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(535,882)</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			-		-
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
			-		-

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 9 October 2009.

**Councillor B Forster JP - Chairman**  
Director

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

**1.2 Turnover**

Turnover comprises government grant income (see 1.4).

**1.3 Operating leases**

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**1.4 Government grants**

Government grants are credited to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

**1.5 Pensions**

Defined benefit schemes

The company makes contributions to the Durham County Council Pension Scheme, a defined benefit scheme.

The company is however unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities in the scheme and has accounted for contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme as follows:

The amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

**2. OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)**

The operating surplus / (deficit) is stated after charging:

	<b>Period ended 31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>Period ended 31 December 2007 £</i>
Pension costs	<b>19,832</b>	-
Operating leases	<b>873,293</b>	-
	<b>893,125</b>	-

During the period, no director received any emoluments (2007 - £NIL).

The rent for the first quarter was paid directly by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

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**3. DEBTORS**

	<b>31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>31 December 2007 £</i>
Other debtors	<b>535,882</b>	-
	<u><u>535,882</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**4. CREDITORS:  
Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>31 December 2007 £</i>
Social security and other taxes	<b>5,955</b>	-
Deferred income	<b>317,785</b>	-
Other creditors	<b>212,142</b>	-
	<u><u>535,882</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**Deferred income**

	<b>2009 £</b>	<i>2007 £</i>
Income received	<b>1,832,333</b>	-
Expenditure incurred	<b>(1,514,548)</b>	-
	<u><u>317,785</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**5. 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.

**6. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 March 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>31 December 2007 £</i>
<b>Expiry date:</b>		
After more than 5 years	<b>1,186,221</b>	-
	<u><u>1,186,221</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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**7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The members of the company are Cleveland Fire Authority, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority, Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority and Northumberland County Council. The lead authority is Cleveland Fire Authority.

During the financial year the company drew down its grant funding as per note 4, via Cleveland Fire Authority. At the year end the company was owed £28,572 by Cleveland Fire Authority.

**8. ACCOUNTING PERIOD**

The financial statements have been prepared for a 15 month period, being 1 January 2008 to 31 March 2009. The prior period financial statements were prepared from the date of incorporation 24 January 2007 to 31 December 2007.

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**DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
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	<b>Page</b>	<b>Period ended 31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>Period ended 31 December 2007 £</i>
<b>TURNOVER</b>	11	<b>1,514,548</b>	-
<b>LESS: OVERHEADS</b>			
Administration expenses	11	<b>(1,514,548)</b>	-
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</b>		<u>          -</u>	<u>          -</u>

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**SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

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	<b>Period ended 31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>Period ended 31 December 2007 £</i>
<b>TURNOVER</b>		
Grants income	<b>1,514,548</b>	-
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	<b>Period ended 31 March 2009 £</b>	<i>Period ended 31 December 2007 £</i>
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Staff salaries	<b>216,960</b>	-
Staff national insurance	<b>12,773</b>	-
Staff pension costs	<b>19,832</b>	-
Staff training	<b>811</b>	-
Hotels, travel and subsistence	<b>23,187</b>	-
Postage	<b>1,067</b>	-
Telephone and fax	<b>10,745</b>	-
Advertising and promotion	<b>490</b>	-
Legal and professional	<b>31,138</b>	-
Bank charges	<b>229</b>	-
Sundry expenses	<b>1,307</b>	-
Rent - operating leases	<b>873,293</b>	-
Rates	<b>3,052</b>	-
Light and heat	<b>104,754</b>	-
Insurances	<b>17,699</b>	-
Repairs and maintenance	<b>9,176</b>	-
Facilities management	<b>188,035</b>	-
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	<b>1,514,548</b>	-