

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Corporate Governance Committee
AUTHOR/S: Executive Director (Corporate Services)

25 September 2015

APPROVAL OF THE 2014-15 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Purpose

1. To approve the amended 2014-15 Statement of Accounts and to discuss and agree the letter of representation.
2. This is not a key decision but is a legal and auditing requirement.

Recommendations

3. That the 2014-15 Statement of Accounts is approved and, the letter of representation is discussed and agreed.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. It is a legal requirement under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 for the Statement of Accounts to be considered and approved no later than 30 September.
5. It is an auditing requirement under International Auditing Standard (UK and Ireland) 580 for the letter of representation to be discussed and agreed by those charged with governance.

Background

6. The Statement of Accounts 2014-15 (subject to audit) was certified by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) as the Council's responsible financial officer and noted by this Committee on 26 June 2015.

Considerations

7. South Cambs Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of South Cambridgeshire District Council, began trading on 1 April 2014. As an independent but wholly owned subsidiary and in accordance with proper practices as set out in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Code of Practice; the Council has prepared group accounts to show the overall financial position and results of the District Council. For the purposes of these accounts transactions between the parent entity and subsidiary are excluded and the remaining transactions of both organisations consolidated in group statements.
8. Ernst and Young LLP were appointed as auditors for South Cambs Limited for the financial period ended 31 March 2015; the audit is now concluded with an unqualified opinion. The company accounts are included, for information, as Appendix A.
9. The results of the audit of the Councils accounts are now known and are set out in the Auditor's Audit Committee Summary Report, which is a separate item on this

agenda. Further to the correction indicated in Appendix B of the Audit Committee Summary report Council officers identified amendments relating to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account financing of capital expenditure, the required changes were notified to the Auditors. The amendments to the statements and disclosures have been included in the final version of the statement of accounts, included as Appendix B.

10. The letter of representation is included as Appendix C to this report. This needs to be discussed and agreed by this Committee and then signed by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) as the Council's responsible financial officer

Options

11. None.

Implications

12.	Financial	Members were informed of the balances, i.e. how much money we have got to spend in the future, in the weekly bulletin of 9 July 2015. These were the balances on the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital account as at 31 March 2015 as set out in the draft Statements of Accounts. The audit of the accounts has reviewed these balances, and confirmed the balances as shown in the Statement of Accounts.
	Legal	None
	Staffing	None
	Risk Management	There is a reputational risk to the Council if the accounts cannot be agreed with the Auditors and issued with an unqualified audit opinion
	Equality and Diversity	None
	Equality Impact Assessment completed	No Not applicable
	Climate Change	None

Consultations

13. None.

Consultation with Children and Young People

14. None.

Effect on Strategic Aims

15. The amended Statement of Accounts confirms the balances available for inclusion in the medium term financial strategy.

Conclusions / Summary

16. None.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

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