

COUNCIL - 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016-17

Summary

Before Council tonight is the Statement of Accounts for 2016-17 together with the external auditor's 'Report to those Charged with Governance (ISA 260) 2016-17' and the Management Representation Letter, both of which will need to be taken into consideration in approving the Statement of Accounts.

The ISA 260 Report and the Management Representation Letter will be considered by the Standards and Audit Committee on the 21 September 2017 in its role of overseeing governance and audit. Draft minutes from the meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee will be available at the Council meeting and should be taken into consideration in approving the Statement of Accounts.

The accounts for the 2016-17 financial year are presented for approval by the Council. The ISA 260 report is a good report and the auditor has indicated that they anticipate issuing an unqualified audit opinion by 30 September 2017 in accordance with the statutory timetable.

In their report, the External Auditor draws attention to any matters of concern discovered during the audit, adjusted and unadjusted audit differences. As a result of the audit work this year, the External Auditor raised 4 recommendations. These related to controls and staff authorised to input journals, the timely processing of transactions and the planning which will be required to meet the new deadlines for the preparation and audit of accounts next year.

The accounts of the Thameswey group of companies for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been consolidated into the Council's Statement of Accounts to present the Council's full group accounts. The Company accounts have been approved by the appropriate Boards of the companies.

Following approval and receipt of the Audit opinion, the final Statement of Accounts together with associated documents will be published on the Council's website.

Reasons for Decision

To approve the Statement of Accounts for 2016-17.

Recommendations

The Council is requested to:

RESOLVE That the Statement of Accounts for 2016-17 be approved.

The Council has authority to determine the recommendation above.

Background Papers:

None

Sustainability Impact Assessment
Equalities Impact Assessment

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APPENDICES

Equality Impact Assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to improve the work of the Council by making sure that it does not discriminate against any individual or group and that, where possible, it promotes equality. The Council has a legal duty to comply with equalities legislation and this template enables you to consider the impact (positive or negative) a strategy, policy, project or service may have upon the protected groups.

		Positive impact?			Negative impact?	No specific impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative how can it be mitigated? (action) THIS SECTION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AS EVIDENCE OF WHAT THE POSITIVE IMPACT IS OR WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO MITIGATE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS
		Eliminate discrimination	Advance equality	Good relations			
Gender	Men					X	
	Women					X	
Gender Reassignment						X	
Race	White					X	
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups					X	
	Asian/Asian British					X	
	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British					X	
	Gypsies / travellers					X	
	Other ethnic group					X	

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		Eliminate discrimination	Advance equality	Good relations			
Disability	Physical					X	
	Sensory					X	
	Learning Difficulties					X	
	Mental Health					X	
Sexual Orientation	Lesbian, gay men, bisexual					X	
Age	Older people (50+)					X	
	Younger people (16 - 25)					X	
Religion or Belief	Faith Groups					X	
Pregnancy & maternity						X	
Marriage & Civil Partnership						X	
Socio-economic Background						X	

The purpose of the Equality Impact Assessment is to improve the work of the Council by making sure it does not discriminate against any individual or group and that, where possible, it promotes equality. The assessment is quick and straightforward to undertake but it is an important step to make sure that individuals and teams think carefully about the likely impact of their work on people in Woking and take action to improve strategies, policies, services and projects, where appropriate. Further details and guidance on completing the form are [available](#).

Sustainability Impact Assessment

Officers preparing a committee report are required to complete a Sustainability Impact Assessment. Sustainability is one of the Council's 'cross-cutting themes' and the Council has made a corporate commitment to address the social, economic and environmental effects of activities across Business Units. The purpose of this Impact Assessment is to record any positive or negative impacts this decision, project or programme is likely to have on each of the Council's Sustainability Themes. For assistance with completing the Impact Assessment, please refer to the instructions below. Further details and guidance on completing the form are [available](#).

Theme (Potential impacts of the project)	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No specific impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated? (action)
Use of energy, water, minerals and materials			X	
Waste generation / sustainable waste management			X	
Pollution to air, land and water			X	
Factors that contribute to Climate Change			X	
Protection of and access to the natural environment			X	
Travel choices that do not rely on the car			X	
A strong, diverse and sustainable local economy			X	
Meet local needs locally			X	
Opportunities for education and information			X	
Provision of appropriate and sustainable housing			X	
Personal safety and reduced fear of crime			X	
Equality in health and good health			X	
Access to cultural and leisure facilities			X	
Social inclusion / engage and consult communities			X	
Equal opportunities for the whole community			X	
Contribute to Woking's pride of place			X	