

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
Shared Services Joint Committee	27 September 2010

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
Audited Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2010	Deputy Leader	Susan Guinness	

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

At the time of writing this report the External Auditor had substantially completed the audit of the Joint Committee’s Statement of Accounts, and she has indicated that an unqualified audit opinion will be issued. Therefore to comply with the relevant legislation, this report has been prepared to allow the Committee to approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2009/10, incorporating those adjustments identified during the course of the audit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. note the contents of the Auditor’s Annual Governance Report (to be published as soon as it is received), and
2. consider and approve the revised Statement of Accounts for 2009/10 (appendix A)
3. authorise the Chief Finance Officer to sign the letter of management representation as set out in the Auditor’s Annual Governance Report.

DETAILS AND REASONING

The unaudited Statement of Accounts was reported to this Committee on 21st June 2010. This complied with the requirement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 that they be approved by a deadline of 30 June.

The same regulations also require publication of the audited accounts by 30 September 2010. To comply with this requirement the audited Statement of Accounts is now presented for approval.

The Audit Commission’s Annual Governance Report also on the agenda will set out matters arising from the annual audit of accounts which the External Auditor is obliged to report to “those charged with governance” of the Committee. It will also contain a commentary on the Committee’s internal control arrangements and also arrangements for securing value for money. The External Auditor will attend in person to present her findings.

The Statement of Accounts now presented includes some presentational changes.

CONCLUSION

Approval of these accounts will enable their publication before the specified date.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL	There are no budgetary implications for the Partnership for either Council with regard to the recommendations within this report.		
LEGAL	Approval of these accounts will enable their publication before the specified date.		
RISK			
OTHER (see below)			
<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

1. Draft Statement of Accounts – Joint Committee 21st June 2010