

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER

FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Council's final Statement of Accounts for 2011/12 which is now due to be signed off by our external auditors, KPMG and associated Letter of Representation of the Authority.
- 1.2 KPMG will update Members by way of presentation on their main findings and summarise the audit work carried out in respect of the financial year 2011/12 and present their Audit of Financial Statements Report which requires the Appointed Auditor to report to those charged with governance these key findings.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives and Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The Council's financial performance is an important element in determining the extent to which the Corporate Objectives can be delivered.

3. Background

- 3.1 The unaudited Statement of Accounts for 2011/12 was signed by the responsible financial officer on the 30 June 2012 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2010. During the intervening period, the external audit has taken place resulting in a small number of amendments being made to the financial statements.
- 3.2 The audited Statement of Accounts 2011/12 is attached at Appendix 1 and is due to be signed off as presenting a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at 31 March 2012 by 30 September 2012.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 The Council Fund balance as at 31 March 2012 presented in the pre-audit Statement of Accounts was £7.199 million. There were no audit adjustments that impacted on this figure. However, there were some amendments resulting from changes in the classification of provisions and earmarked reserves and the reclassification of assets.
- 4.2 A Final Letter of Representation is required by the External Audit Manager, KPMG, and the Appointed Auditor, the Wales Audit Office to complete the process and enable the accounts to be signed off. This is included as Appendix 2.
- 4.3 Under International Auditing Standards (ISA) 260, the External Auditor is required to communicate relevant matters relating to the audit of the financial statements to “those charged with governance”. These matters are incorporated into the Audit of Financial Statements Report, which is included as Appendix 3.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedural Rules

- 5.1 There are no implications upon policy framework and procedural rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 These are reflected in the body of the report.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 It is recommended that Members:-
- Note the audited Statement of Accounts 2011-12 (Appendix 1)
 - Note and agree the Final Letter of Representation to KPMG and the Wales Audit Office (Appendix 2)
 - Note the Appointed Auditors Audit of Financial Statements Report (Appendix 3)

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Background Documents:

Bridgend County Borough Council Statement of Accounts 2011/12
The Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2010