

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CATALOGUE SUPPLIES SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015-2016

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Joint Committee's Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2016 which has now been signed off by our external auditors, Wales Audit Office, and to receive the external auditor's Report to those charged with Governance.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 None.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 require that the Joint Committee approves the audited Statement of Accounts by 30 September following the financial year to which they relate. The format and content of the statement is governed by those Regulations and the accounts for 2015-16 have been produced in line with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) for 2016.
- 3.2 The (unaudited) Statement of Accounts was reported to the Joint Committee on the 25 June 2016 and placed on public deposit and subject to audit by Wales Audit Office.

4. **Current Situation /Proposal**

4.1 Wales Audit Office, our external auditors, has carried out their audit of the 2015-16 Statement of Accounts and has made some amendments to them. The revised Statement of Accounts is attached as **Appendix 1**.

4.2 The mutual responsibilities of auditor and the audited body are expressed in the two other appended documents. Auditing standards require our auditors to obtain representation from the Committee on certain matters material to their opinion. The **Letter of Representation**, which is attached as **Appendix 2**, confirms to the best of one's knowledge and belief, having made appropriate enquiries of other officers of the Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee, certain assurances to the auditors regarding the financial statements for Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee for the year ended 31 March 2016.

4.3 The auditor's "Audit of Financial Statements Report for 2015-16" appears as **Appendix 3**. It summarises the key issues identified during the consideration of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement. It also details the post audit amendments. The main changes required were to eliminate a duplication in the Bad Debt provision and the reversal of the redundancy provision for four employees who were redeployed to positions within Bridgend CBC. These changes have reduced the deficit for the year to £527,000 (from £596,000) with total reserves of £771,000 as at 31 March 2016.

5. **Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

5.1 There is no impact on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 These are reflected in the report and attached Statement of Accounts 2015-16.

8. **Recommendation:**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:
- Approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2015-16 (Appendix 1)
 - Note and agree the Letter of Representation to be provided to the Wales Audit Office (Appendix 2)
 - Note the auditors' Audit of Financial Statements Report for 2015-16 (Appendix 3)

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Background Papers: Report of the Treasurer
Statement of Accounts 2015-2016
Catalogue Supplies Service Joint Committee
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