

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

Audit and Performance Review Committee : 29 September 2010

Subject : Audit of Final Accounts 2009/10

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise Committee of KPMG's findings in relation to the audit of the Financial Statements for 2009/10.

2. Background

- 2.1** In accordance with the International Standard on Auditing 260 (ISA260) auditors are required to communicate matters relating to the audit of the financial statements to those charged with governance of a body in sufficient time to enable appropriate action, if required, to be taken.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** KPMG have issued a report dated 20 September 2010 which details the main issues arising from the audit of the financial statements. The full report is appended to this report (Appendix A) and Grant Macrae, Director, KPMG LLP, will be in attendance to present the findings of the report.
- 3.2** Appendix 1 of the KPMG report summarises a number of improvement recommendations relating to the accounts production process and these, together with management responses, are included within the action plan on pages 9 and 10 of the report.
- 3.3** A copy of the draft letter of representation which the Executive Director of Corporate Services is required to sign and submit to KPMG is also attached as Appendix B.
- 3.4** The Audit Opinion is detailed on page 7 of the report which advises that KPMG expect to issue an unqualified opinion on the Council's annual financial statements.
- 3.5** The draft (unaudited) financial statements for 2009/10 were presented to Council on 25 August 2010.
- 3.6** A full report on the audited Final Accounts will be presented to Council on 27 October 2010.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 Although agreement has been reached during the audit on a number of presentational changes to the draft accounts, the unearmarked balance of £3.376m that was reported in the draft accounts presented to Council on 25 August 2010 remains unchanged.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There was no requirement to carry out a risk analysis.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

7.1 There was no requirement to carry out an equality impact assessment.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 The audit of the financial statements is on track to produce an unqualified audit opinion in relation to the Council's final accounts for 2009/10.

8.2 The Committee is invited to note the findings of the audit of the financial statements as detailed in KPMG's report dated 20 September 2010.

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Appendix: Appendix A - KPMG's report on the audit of the financial statements 2009/10

Appendix B - Draft Letter of Representation

Background Papers: Report on Revised Draft Annual Accounts 2009/10 – Council – 25 August 2010

Wards Affected: All