

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services
Council: 26 October 2011

Subject: KPMG LLP – 2010/11 Audit - Final Report to Members

1. Subject

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the findings in relation to the external auditor's (KPMG LLP) final report to Members on the completion of their 2010/11 audit.

2. Background

2.1 KPMG LLP have completed their audit of the Council's 2010/11 annual accounts and have now signed them. The audited abstract of accounts was submitted for approval by Council as a separate agenda item.

2.2 KPMG LLP is required to report to Members at the conclusion of their audit and the full report is appended.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The report is intended to inform Members of key issues arising during the audit and to assist Members in fulfilling their obligations in respect of governance, performance management and the stewardship of public funds.

3.2 An executive summary and headline facts are provided on pages 2 - 3 of the report. Further detail is provided in pages 4 - 19 with an action plan, including agreed management responses, presented in page 21.

3.3 The action plan includes 2 recommendations which are graded as follows:

Grade 1 – High risk	- 0
Grade 2 – Moderate risk	- 1
Grade 3 – Low risk	- 1

3.4 Appropriate management responses, which have been agreed with the auditor, have been included within the action plan, together with details of targeted date for implementation of each recommendation. Actions are on track to implement all the recommendations by their targeted dates.

3.6 This report is addressed to all Members of the Council and, as such, it is presented to full Council. In previous years, Council, after consideration, has referred the report to the Audit & Performance Review Committee for scrutiny. Given that the next Audit & Performance Review Committee is not until December 2011, it was felt to be more appropriate to present it to this month's Committee (19 October 2011) in advance of consideration by Council at this meeting.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 Other than the financial position detailed in the Financial Statements, there are no financial implications in connection with the preparation of this report.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The risks identified in the report have been addressed through the recommendations in the Action Plan, referred to above.

7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

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

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The report is for noting and, therefore, does not directly affect any of the strategic priorities.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 The Council has received an unqualified audit opinion on the accounts for 2010/11. The Report to Members includes comment on the significant accounting issues faced and provides an outlook of future financial reporting issues.

8.2 Members are asked to consider the findings of the 2010/11 audit and note that the auditor's report was considered by The Audit & Performance Review Committee on 19 October 2011.

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Appendix: KPMG LLP'S Report to Members

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All