

Report

Report to:	Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2023
Report by:	Treasurer to Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board

Subject:	Audited Accounts 2022/2023
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ advise members of the requirement to approve the Audited Accounts for 2022/2023 for signature, following the external audit of the Accounts

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that it be noted that the Accounts 2022/2023 received a clean audit certificate (section 4.3.);
- (2) that the Audited Accounts 2022/2023, be approved for signature (Appendix 1); and
- (3) that it be noted that the Audited Accounts 2022/2023 will be available on the Board's website (section 4.4).

3. Background

- 3.1. The Board's external auditor, Audit Scotland, is required to supply an audit certificate outlining the findings of the audit process undertaken in relation to the Accounts 2022/2023.
- 3.2. Following the publication of The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, the members of the Board have to meet to consider whether to approve the audited Accounts for signature. The members are also required to have regard to any report made or advice provided on the Accounts by the auditor.

4. Audited Accounts

- 4.1. As noted in 3.2. above, members are now required to approve the Audited Accounts for signature. Appendix 1 attached provides a copy of the Accounts for members' consideration.
- 4.2. The Board's current external auditors, Audit Scotland, have completed an audit which extends across the 2022/2023 Accounts and related matters.
- 4.3. In summary, the report provides a clean audit certificate. There were no issues arising from the 2022/2023 audit work which merited a recommendation or action plan point.

- 4.4. The Audited Accounts for 2022/2023 will be uploaded to the Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board website. Paper copies are also available on request from Finance Services, Floor 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton or from the Assessor's office at David Dale House, Blantyre.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The financial details of the Auditor's report are contained within section 4 above.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no climate change, sustainability or environmental implications in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The main risk associated with the Board's Annual Report and Accounts is a qualified audit report. The risk was minimised by the detailed preparation in relation to the year end process and training undertaken by key finance staff. Finance and the Board's staff work together to achieve key deadlines and actions set from timetables. This has resulted in a clean audit certificate.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.

Paul Manning
Treasurer

16 November 2023

Previous References

- ◆ Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board Unaudited Annual Report and Accounts 2022/2023 (Board Meeting, 5 June 2023)

List of Background Papers

- ◆ External Auditor's report

Contact for Further Information

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