

Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee

16 November 2020

South Lanarkshire Council Audit of 2019/20 annual accounts

Independent auditor's report

1. Our audit work on the 2019/20 annual accounts of South Lanarkshire Council and the registered charities administered by the council ([appendix C](#)) is now substantially complete. Subject to the receipt of a revised set of annual accounts for final review, we anticipate being able to issue unqualified audit opinions in the independent auditor's report following approval of the annual accounts. The proposed reports are attached at [appendices A](#) and [D](#).

Annual audit report

2. We also present for your consideration our proposed Annual Audit Report on the 2019/20 audit. International Standard on Auditing (UK) 260 (Communication with those charged with governance) requires auditors to report specific matters arising from the audit of the annual accounts to those charged with governance in sufficient time to enable appropriate action to be taken where necessary. Within the proposed Annual Audit Report (page 11), exhibit 3 sets out the issues which we consider require to be drawn to your attention.
3. The Annual Audit Report will be issued in its final form after the annual accounts have been approved for issue and the independent auditor's report has been signed.
4. The Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee should, prior to approving the annual accounts, draw to our attention:
 - any instances of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - any events after 31 March 2020 likely to have a material effect on the financial statements;
 - any material non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Unadjusted misstatements

5. We are required to report to you, all unadjusted misstatements, other than those of a trivial nature, and request that they be corrected. There are no unadjusted misstatement to report.

Representations from management

6. As part of the completion of our audit, we request written representations from the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources on aspects of the annual accounts including the judgements and estimates made in preparing the financial statements.

7. Draft letters of representation in respect of the council and the registered charities are attached at **appendices B** and **E**; they should be reviewed for accuracy and any proposed amendment discussed with us. Once satisfied, the letter should be signed and returned by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources with the signed annual accounts.

Concluding remarks

8. We would like to express our thanks to the staff of South Lanarkshire Council for their courteous assistance during the course of this year's audit under difficult circumstances. This enabled us to bring the audit to completion with minimum delay.

APPENDIX A: Proposed Independent Auditor's Report

Independent auditor's report to the members of South Lanarkshire Council and the Accounts Commission

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the annual accounts of South Lanarkshire Council and its group for the year ended 31 March 2020 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The financial statements comprise the group and council-only Expenditure and Funding Analysis, Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statements, Balance Sheets, Movement in Reserves Statements, and Cash-Flow Statements, the council-only Housing Revenue Account Income and Expenditure Statement, the National Non-Domestic Rates Income Accounts Statement, the Council Tax Income Account Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union, and as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 (the 2019/20 Code).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable law and the 2019/20 Code of the state of affairs of the council and its group as at 31 March 2020 and of the income and expenditure of the council and its group for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, as interpreted and adapted by the 2019/20 Code; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I was appointed by the Accounts Commission on 18 July 2016. The period of total uninterrupted appointment is 4 years. I am independent of the council and its group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. Non-audit services prohibited by the Ethical Standard were not provided to the council. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter: Valuations of land and buildings

I draw attention to note 2 of the notes to the financial statements in the annual accounts, assumptions made about the future and other major sources of estimation uncertainty, which describes the effects of material uncertainties, caused by Covid-19, declared in the valuation report for land and buildings. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require me to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the council's

ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Risks of material misstatement

I report in a separate Annual Audit Report, available from the [Audit Scotland website](#), the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement that I identified and my conclusions thereon.

Responsibilities of the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is responsible for assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

The Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved. I therefore design and perform audit procedures which respond to the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Other information in the annual accounts

The Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is responsible for the other information in the annual accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements, the audited part of the Remuneration Report, and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read all the other information in the annual accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on other requirements

Opinions on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission

In my opinion, the audited part of the Remuneration Report has been properly prepared in accordance with The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Management Commentary for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with statutory guidance issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003; and
- the information given in the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016).

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by the Accounts Commission to report to you if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements and the audited part of the Remuneration Report are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit; or
- there has been a failure to achieve a prescribed financial objective.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Conclusions on wider scope responsibilities

In addition to my responsibilities for the annual accounts, my conclusions on the wider scope responsibilities specified in the Code of Audit Practice, including those in respect of Best Value, are set out in my Annual Audit Report.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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APPENDIX B: Letter of Representation (ISA 580)

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16 November 2020

Dear Fiona

South Lanarkshire Council Annual Accounts 2019/20

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of South Lanarkshire Council and its group for the year ended 31 March 2020 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of South Lanarkshire Council and its group, as at 31 March 2020 and its comprehensive net expenditure for the year then ended.

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief and having made appropriate enquiries of the Corporate Management Team and the Council, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of South Lanarkshire Council for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Legality of financial transactions

The financial transactions of South Lanarkshire Council are in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations governing its activities. All known or possible non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements have been disclosed to you, together with any actual or contingent consequences which may arise.

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 (the Code).

Disclosure has been made in the annual accounts of all matters necessary for them to show a true and fair view of the transactions and state of affairs of South Lanarkshire Council and its group for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Accounting Policies & Estimates

All material accounting policies adopted are as shown at note 36 to the financial statements. The continuing appropriateness of these policies has been reviewed since the introduction of IAS 8 and on a regular basis thereafter and takes account of the requirements set out in the Code.

The significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates are reasonable and properly reflected in the financial statements.

Going Concern

I have assessed the ability of the council and its group to carry on as a going concern and concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Remuneration report

The remuneration report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014.

Related party transactions

All related party transactions have been identified and disclosed at note 16 to the accounts. I have made available to you all relevant information concerning such transactions. I am not aware of any other matters that require disclosure in order to comply with the requirements of IAS24, as interpreted by the Code.

Assets

General

The assets shown in the books and accounts at 31 March 2020, other than assets which are employed under finance leases, were owned by South Lanarkshire Council. The assets are free from any lien, encumbrance or charge.

Non-current assets

For the year ended 31 March 2020, title deeds for properties owned or mortgaged to South Lanarkshire Council were held by the Council and all such deeds were in order.

All non-current assets are appropriately classified. The net book amount in the balance sheet was arrived at after:

- taking into account all material capital expenditure on additions but not expenditure properly chargeable to revenue
- the amounts at which the land and buildings were stated in the balance sheet were properly calculated in accordance with the approved bases of valuation and fairly represented the values at 31 March 2020
- deducting the cost and accumulated depreciation relating to items sold or scrapped
- providing for depreciation and obsolescence on bases and at rates calculated to reduce the net book value of each asset to its estimated residual value by the end of its probable useful life.

There are no known errors in the valuations of non-current assets in the balance sheet.

Council houses

The council's housing stock was valued on the Existing Use Value - Social Housing (EUV – SH) using the beacon principle. In my view the valuation approach complies with RICS guidance, it is in accordance with the Code and fairly represents the value of the housing stock.

Intangible assets

The council owns intangible assets in the form of software licences. Intangible assets have been separately identified in the balance sheet. Intangible assets have been recognised in accordance with the Code and IAS 38, as disclosed in note 21 to the accounts.

Leases

All leasing arrangements have been reviewed and correctly classified as operating or finance within the financial statements. Lease arrangements granted by South Lanarkshire Council have been correctly classified and disclosed within the financial statements.

Heritage assets

In line with the requirements of FRS 30 Heritage Assets, heritage assets are included in the balance sheet at valuation. As allowed by the Code, the basis of valuation is the declared valuation for insurance purposes or replacement value. There are a number of heritage assets where obtaining a valuation would involve disproportionate cost and the Code permits such assets to be excluded from the balance sheet.

Long-term debtors and prepayments

All such debtors and prepayments have been fully provided for in the books of account.

Inventories

The council's stocks have been valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. All inventories are included in the financial statements.

Liabilities

All liabilities have been provided for in the books of account, including the liability for all purchases for which title has passed prior to 31 March 2020 and deferred liabilities arising from the financing of PPP/PFI contracts and other finance leases.

Contingent assets and liabilities

There are no significant contingent assets or liabilities, other than those disclosed in note 31 to the accounts. All known contingent liabilities, including any outstanding legal claims which have not been provided for under the Code and IAS 35, have been fully and properly disclosed.

Provisions

Provisions have been made in the financial statements for all material liabilities which have resulted, or may be expected to result, from events which had occurred by 31 March 2020. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure likely to be required to settle the present obligation at 31 March 2020.

Accrued expenditure

Expenditure has only been accrued where it relates to costs incurred prior to the financial year end.

Employee benefit accrual

The employee benefit accrual has been calculated by extrapolating actual costs from a sample of staff. In my opinion the sample selected is representative of the workforce as a whole.

Loans fund

All borrowings are compliant with relevant legislation. The council did not, during 2019/20, borrow in advance of immediate requirements other than as part of normal treasury management.

Insurance fund

In respect of the council's insurance fund for property, motor and liability insurance, there are no material unfunded risks.

Other matters

I am not aware of any other matters that require disclosure in order to comply with the requirements of IAS24, as interpreted by the Code.

Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the results for the period were not materially affected by:

- transactions of a sort not usually undertaken by South Lanarkshire Council
- circumstances of an exceptional or non-recurrent nature
- charges or credits relating to prior periods
- any change in the basis of accounting.

There are no collateral arrangements that require disclosure within the accounts. There are no material defaults on loans.

I have reviewed the impact of Covid-19 on the annual accounts and have reflected on the impact on global financial markets in note 2. I am satisfied that all reasonable action has been taken to identify the impact of Covid-19 on the fair value of land and buildings with this disclosed appropriately in the annual accounts.

I have reviewed the assumptions made by the actuary in the IAS19 report for South Lanarkshire Council and I confirm that they are consistent with management's own view.

In my opinion, the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. I am not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than those identified in the auditor's ISA260 report to those charged with governance.

Common good fund and trust funds

In my opinion the common good assets, liabilities and revenue transactions within the financial statements are materially complete. All common good assets, liabilities and revenue transactions have been properly separated from the council's single entity accounts and are reflected within the common good accounts in accordance with LASAAC guidance issued in December 2007. Similarly, all assets, liabilities and revenue transactions relating to

trusts administered by the council have been properly separated from the council's single entity accounts and are reflected within the trust fund accounts.

Group accounts

The group accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code and relevant accounting standards and are based on the financial statements of the individual bodies for the year ended 31 March 2020. In my opinion the group assets, liabilities and revenue transactions in the financial statements are materially complete. The group boundary has been reviewed in accordance with the Code and there are no material entities that have been omitted from consolidation within the financial statements. All material issues relating to group entities have been disclosed to you.

Corporate governance

I acknowledge, as the officer with responsibility for the proper administration of the council's financial affairs by virtue of section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, my responsibility for the systems of internal control. I confirm that the Annual Governance Statement has been prepared in accordance with the ***Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework 2016*** and the information is consistent with the financial statements. There have been no changes in the corporate governance arrangements or issues identified, since 31 March 2020.

Fraud

I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of South Lanarkshire Council to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularity. I have considered the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. I have disclosed to you any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the financial statements. There have been no irregularities involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Events subsequent to the date of the balance sheet

Other than the decreased pension liability arising from legal judgements, there have been no material events since 31 March which would require the revision of the figures in the financial statements or notes thereto.

Since 31 March no events or transactions have occurred which, though properly excluded from the financial statements, are of such importance that they should be brought to your notice.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Manning

Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

APPENDIX C: Registered charities administered by South Lanarkshire Council

Charity	Scottish charity number
South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts	SC025089
East Kilbride Information Technology Centre Trust	SC015221
South Lanarkshire Council Educational Trusts	SC028135

APPENDIX D: Proposed independent auditors report - registered charities administered by South Lanarkshire Council

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of <insert name of charity> and the Accounts Commission

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of <insert name of charity> for the year ended 31 March 2020 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Statement of Balances and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and a receipts and payments basis.

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- properly present the receipts and payments of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020 and its statement of balances at that date; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulations 9(1),(2) and (3) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which properly present the receipts and payments of the charity, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Other information in the statement of accounts

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission or required by applicable law to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read all the other information in the statement of accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other

information. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on other requirements

Opinion on matter prescribed by the Accounts Commission

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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Dave Richardson is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Appendix E: Letter of representation - registered charities administered by South Lanarkshire Council

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16 November 2020

Dear Dave,

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East Kilbride Information Technology Centre Trust
South Lanarkshire Educational Trusts

SC025089
SC015221
SC028135

Annual accounts of the registered charities administered by South Lanarkshire Council 2019/2020

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the registered charities listed above for the year ended 31 March 2020 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements properly presents the financial position of each of these registered charities as at 31 March 2020 and their receipts and payments for the year then ended.

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief and having made appropriate enquiries of the trustees of the registered charitable trusts, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit for the year ended 31 March 2020.

General

I acknowledge my responsibility and that of South Lanarkshire Council, as the administering authority, for the preparation of the financial statements on behalf of the trustees. All of the accounting records requested have been made available to you for the purposes of your audit. All material agreements and transactions undertaken by the registered charitable trusts have been properly reflected in the financial statements. All other records and information have been made available to you, including minutes of all management and other meetings.

The information given in the Trustees Reports presents a balanced picture of each charity and is consistent with the financial statements.

I confirm that there are no uncorrected misstatements.

Financial reporting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 including all relevant presentation and disclosure requirements. The financial statements also comply with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and guidance issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Disclosure has been made in the financial statements of all matters necessary for them to properly present the transactions and state of affairs of each charity for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with applicable regulations and the founding documents of each charitable trust.

Assets

The cash fund and investments shown in the statement of balances at 31 March 2020 were owned by the charities. Assets are free from any lien, encumbrance or charge. There are no plans or intentions that are likely to affect the carrying value or classification of the assets within the financial statements.

Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions with any party other than South Lanarkshire Council as administering agent.

Governance

The business of the charitable trusts is recorded in the systems of South Lanarkshire Council. As section 95 officer for South Lanarkshire Council, I confirm that there are no issues or deficiencies in internal control that require to be disclosed within the financial statements of the charitable trusts.

Fraud

I have considered the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud or irregularity. There have been no actual or alleged frauds or irregularities involving trustees or staff of South Lanarkshire Council that could affect the financial statements of the charitable trusts.

Events subsequent to the balance sheet date

There have been no material events since 31 March 2020 which necessitate revision of the figures in the financial statements or notes thereto, including contingent assets and liabilities.

Since 31 March 2020 no events or transactions have occurred which, though properly excluded from the financial statements, are of such importance that they should be brought to your notice.

Yours sincerely

Paul Manning

Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, for and on behalf of the trustees of the charities administered by South Lanarkshire Council.