

External Audit Progress Report 23/24

Executive Summary

This is a progress report. Our audit is not yet fully complete and matters communicated in this report may change pending signature of our audit report. We will provide an oral update on the status during the meeting. Page 3 'Our Audit Findings' outlines the outstanding matters in relation to the audit. Our conclusions will be discussed with you before our audit report is signed.

Significant audit risks

1. Valuation of land and buildings (page 5-6)
Testing over the following significant assumptions used in the calculation - location factor and BCIS indices - were found to be neutral. Testing is ongoing over the obsolescence assumptions used within the valuation.
2. Management override of controls (page 7-8)
The results of our testing in relation to this risk were found to be satisfactory.
3. Valuation of post-retirement benefit obligations (page 9-10)
We have received the preliminary results from KPMG actuaries who have evaluated the assumptions used in the calculation for the Council's post-retirement benefit obligations. The significant assumptions used in the calculation were found to be balanced.

Uncorrected audit misstatements (page 16)

We identified two uncorrected audit misstatements. We have discussed these with management, and if they remain uncorrected they will not have an impact on our audit opinion.

Corrected audit misstatements (page 17)

We identified two corrected audit misstatements. We have discussed these with management and they have agreed to correct them in the financial statements.

Misstatements in respect of disclosures (page 18)

We identified four misstatements in respect of disclosures. We have discussed these with management and they have agreed to correct them in the financial statements.

Summary of control deficiencies and other recommendations (page 19 -24)

We have not identified any significant control deficiencies.

We have raised 4 medium, and 3 low level recommendations which have been discussed with management and for which a management response, responsible officer and due date for implementation has been agreed.

Outstanding matters

A list of outstanding matters is detailed on page 3.