

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 AUGUST 2023

2022/23 UNAUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

REPORT BY IAN LORIMER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

ABSTRACT

The Council's 2022/23 unaudited Accounts are submitted under cover of this report. As required by law the draft annual accounts have been submitted to the Controller of Audit for audit purposes. Members are now asked to note the set of annual accounts, scrutinise them and provide commentary.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

i) Note the Angus Council 2022/23 Unaudited Annual Accounts available at:

- [Unaudited Annual Accounts 2022/23](#)

ii) Provide any commentary on the Angus Council Unaudited Annual Accounts considered appropriate at this time.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

2.1 This report contributes as a whole to the Council Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Council is required by law to prepare Annual Accounts which set out its financial position at the end of each financial year. The Council is legally obliged to complete the draft Accounts and submit them by 30 June to Audit Scotland. The Annual Accounts have been prepared by the Director of Finance and his team on a draft basis and were submitted to the Controller of Audit for audit purposes in accordance with the statutory deadline of 30 June 2023. Committee Report [189/23](#) to Angus Council on the 22 June 2023 provided a commentary on the revenue and capital financial outturn for the Council for 2022/23. In line with the Committee's remit members now have the opportunity to undertake a detailed review of the Unaudited Annual Accounts and provide any commentary / seek clarification and can be obtained from the Council's website at the link below:

[Unaudited Annual Accounts 2022/23](#)

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The Annual Accounts are prepared on a draft basis and submitted to the External Auditor appointed by the Controller of Audit for independent review within the statutory timeframe. The statutory date for signing off the annual accounts is 30 September with publication on the Council's website no later than 31 October.

4.2 For the five year period commencing with the audit of the 2022/23 accounts, a new team of auditors from Audit Scotland have been appointed as Angus Council's external auditor.

- 4.3 The audit process recognises that the auditor should communicate clearly and directly with those charged with the financial governance of the organisation and make timely observations arising from the audit that are significant and relevant. This information is formally documented and communicated by the International Standard on Auditing 260 (ISA 260) Report.
- 4.4 The ISA 260 Report for Angus Council will not be available until the audit work is complete. This is anticipated to be into September 2023 enabling the audit certificate to be issued. The findings from the audit work and ISA 260 Report for Angus Council will be incorporated into the Annual Report to Members, which seeks approval of the audited annual accounts. This report will be submitted to Scrutiny & Audit Committee in September.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. The Usable Reserves of the Council as reported in the unaudited accounts total £81.170 million and the Uncommitted General Fund Reserve is £2.522 million. The Usable reserves have reduced by £1.007 million to that reported in report [189/23](#) due to two late creditors that were subsequently reflected in concluding the 2022/23 unaudited annual accounts totalling £1.002 million plus a correction of £0.005 million identified in the Renewal & Repairs Fund. The Uncommitted General Fund Reserve has reduced by the £1.002 million for the late creditor adjustment. It should be noted that this may not be the final position and may change on completion of the audit process.
- 5.2 Within the Annual Accounts (pages 2 to 26) is a Management Commentary which provides a full summary of the Council's financial results for 2022/23 and its financial position at the end of that year.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the report concerns factual financial information.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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