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AUDITED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09 (SOUTH SHROPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL)

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Summary

This covering report and attached Annual Statement of Accounts, present to Members the final audited outturn position for the financial year 2008/09.

Recommendations

- A. Members are asked to note the audited 2008/09 Annual Statement of Accounts on which the District Auditor has given an unqualified opinion.

REPORT

Background

1. The Statement of Accounts and Revenue and Capital Outturn reports were presented to the Audit Committee on 2 July 2009 and to Council on 16 July 2009. Closure of the accounts for 2008/09 was achieved in accordance with the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Further Transitional and Supplementary Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009, which extended the deadline for signing and approval of the statement of accounts by 31 July 2009 for the new unitary authorities.
2. The Audit Commission audited the accounts during July/August and the Auditor has issued an unqualified audit opinion on the accounts. The formal publication of the audited Statement of Accounts is now being made to Members.

Audit Commission Opinion

3. In summary the Audit Commission reported as follows.

“The financial statements present fairly, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2006, the financial position of South Shropshire District Council at 31st March 2009 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.”

Changes from the Draft Statement of Accounts Approved by Council on 16 July 2009

4. There have been no material changes to any of the main accounting statements since the version reported to the Audit Committee and Council in July 2009. A number of technical changes and minor typographical errors have been made, all with the agreement of the Audit Commission. The main changes are listed below:
- a) The accounting treatment of the revaluations undertaken on the assets during 2008/09 has been adjusted to reflect the 1st April 2008 valuation date.
 - b) The impairment of assets during 2008/09 has been reviewed and asset values have been adjusted accordingly.
 - c) The group account balances in relation to Biocycle Ltd have been adjusted to reflect the final audited accounts that have been received from the company.
 - d) The Income and Expenditure Account now includes transactions relating to waste collections in order to accurately reflect the council's position in line with JANE accounting principles.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Statement of Accounts 2008/09. Audit Committee 2 July 2009, Council 16 July 2009.

Council Constitution: Part 4, Rules of Procedure – Financial Procedure Rules.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

N/A

Community / Consultations Appraisal

The original budget was subject to a public consultation process. A Summary Statement of Accounts has also been produced for public use. All of this information is available in hard copy and on the Council's website and can be made available in different formats for people with disabilities.

Cabinet Member

All Cabinet Members.

Local Member

All Members.

Appendices

Appendix A - Audited Statement of Accounts 2008/09

Decision(s)