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AUDITED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09 (SHROPSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP)

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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 for the Shropshire Waste Partnership on which the District Auditor has given an unqualified opinion.

REPORT

Background

1. The Statement of Accounts were presented to the Audit Committee on 17 September 2009.
2. Shropshire Waste Partnership was a Joint Committee formed by Shropshire County Council, Oswestry and Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Councils and Bridgnorth, North Shropshire and South Shropshire District Councils. Shropshire County Council acted as Contracting Authority for the Joint Committee.
3. From 1 April 2009 the separate authorities making up the Shropshire Waste Partnership became Shropshire Council and the partnership ceased to exist.
4. These SWP Accounts are also reflected within the main Statement of Accounts for each of the six predecessor authorities.
5. The purpose of the Statement of Accounts is to give electors, Members and other interested parties clear information on the Partnership's finances. The format of the Statement of Accounts is governed by the Statement of Recommended Practice on Local Government Accounting which requires accounts to include an Explanatory Foreword, a Statement of Accounting Policies, a Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts, the Accounting Statements and Notes to the Accounts.

6. 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

7. In summary the Audit Commission reported as follows.

“The Joint Committee's financial statements present fairly, in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2007, the financial position of the Joint Committee as at 31 March 2009 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.”

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

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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

N/A

Cabinet Member

All Cabinet Members.

Local Member

All Members.

Appendices

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Decision(s)