

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Head of Finance and ICT
to Audit and Governance Panel (Special)
of 28 June 2022**

Subject: Annual Accounts 2021/22

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 ('the unaudited Accounts').

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

2.1.1 approves the accounting policies (contained in Appendix 1 (to follow)) used in preparing the 2021/22 Annual Accounts;

2.1.2 considers the unaudited Annual Accounts (Appendix 1 (to follow)), noting that all figures remain subject to audit;

2.1.3 considers the unaudited Charitable Trust Accounts (Appendix 2 (to follow)), noting that all figures remain subject to audit; and

2.1.4 requests the Head of Finance and ICT to report back to the Panel following completion of the audit.

3. Background

3.1 Each year, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) issues new accounting guidance called the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code). All local authorities use the Code in preparing their annual accounts.

3.2 Where appropriate, the accounting policies have been revised in line with changes required by 2021/22 Code.

3.3 The unaudited Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) and were submitted to the Council's external auditors, Deloitte LLP, before the statutory deadline of 30 June 2022.

3.4 A full and separate audit is also required for each registered charity where Members of South Ayrshire Council are sole trustees..

- 3.5 Notice has been given under Regulation 5 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985 to allow public inspection of the unaudited Accounts.
- 3.6 The Chief Internal Auditor provided a statement on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2022 to the members of the Audit and Governance Panel in June 2022.
- 3.7 Members should note that the unaudited Accounts are currently subject to audit.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 A copy of the unaudited Accounts is attached to this report for information and consideration (please refer to Appendix 1 (to follow)).
- 4.2 Copies of the unaudited Charitable Trust Accounts are attached to this report for information and consideration (please refer to Appendix 2 (to follow)).
- 4.3 The audit of the Accounts will commence in August and will conclude with an Annual Audit report and Report to those Charged with Governance being presented to the Audit and Governance Panel in November 2022. The report will provide the independent auditor's report to Members of the Council, and will allow the auditor to communicate the matters raised during the audit to the Panel.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

7. Human Resources Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations

- 8.1.1. There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations

- 8.2.1 There are no risks associated with rejecting the recommendations.

9. Equalities

- 9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equalities Impact Assessment Scoping process, and there are no significant positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations, therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as Appendix 3.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

- 10.1 **Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

- 11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

- 12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitment 1 of the Council Plan: Fair and Effective Leadership/ Leadership that promotes fairness.

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 As indicated at paragraph 3.3 above, the unaudited Accounts will be available for public inspection during the audit process.
- 13.2 Limited consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Davis, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Human Resources and ICT, due to tight timescales to produce the report.

Background Papers **None**

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South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

Equality Impact Assessment is a legal requirement under the Public Sector Duty to promote equality of the Equality Act 2010. Separate guidance has been developed on Equality Impact Assessment's which will guide you through the process and is available to view here: <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/equalities/impact-assessment.aspx>

Further guidance is available here: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/assessing-impact-and-public-sector-equality-duty-guide-public-authorities/>

The Fairer Scotland Duty ('the Duty'), Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010, came into force in Scotland from 1 April 2018. It places a legal responsibility on Councils to actively consider ('pay due regard to') how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. See information here: [Interim Guidance for Public Bodies](#) in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018.

1. Policy details

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| Policy Title | Annual Accounts 2021/22 |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Tim Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT – tim.baulk@south-ayrshire.gov.uk |

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

| Community or Groups of People | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Age – men and women, girls & boys | - | - |
| Disability | - | - |
| Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity) | - | - |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership | - | - |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | - | - |
| Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers | - | - |
| Religion or Belief (including lack of belief) | - | - |
| Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys) | - | - |
| Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight | - | - |
| Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights | - | - |

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

| Socio-Economic Disadvantage | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing | - | - |
| Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | - | - |
| Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies | - | - |
| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | - |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | - |

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

| General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty | Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low) |
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| Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation | - |
| Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not | - |
| Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?) | - |
| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | - |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | - |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | - |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | - |

5. Summary Assessment

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| <p>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> |
| <p>Rationale for decision:</p> <p>This report asks Members to consider the unaudited Annual Accounts for 2021/22. Their decision on this has no specific equality implications</p> | |
| <p>Signed : Tim Baulk Head of Service</p> <p>Date: 16 May 2022</p> | |