

SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL JOINT COMMITTEE

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SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

Report from: Mick Hayward, S151 officer to the Joint Committee

Summary

The report presents the external auditor's certificate and opinion in respect of the Joint Committee's accounts for 2011/2012.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Memorandum of Agreement requires that an auditor appointed by the Audit Commission shall audit the accounts of the Partnership.
- 1.2 The June 2012 meeting of the Joint Committee approved the 2011/2012 Statement of Accounts.
- 1.3 The auditor is required to review the Statement of Accounts and report back to the Joint Committee on its findings and, where appropriate, require the Joint Committee to prepare an appropriate response and management action plan.

2. External Auditor's Report

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the external auditor's certificate and opinion in respect of the 2011/2012 financial year. It confirms that:-
 - no errors were identified
 - all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements were met
- 2.2 The auditor also brings to the Joint Committee's attention that sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were not completed as being approved by the Joint Committee. The annual return was signed by the Chair and Clerk at the end of the June 2012 Joint Committee, before the minutes were produced, therefore the minute numbers and date were not recorded. This does not affect the auditor's opinion. Future Annual Returns will record the minute numbers and date.

3. Financial Implications and Legal Implications

3.1 The fee for the external audit can be met from existing budgets.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the external auditor's certificate and opinion as presented.

5. Suggested Reasons for Decisions

5.1 The Joint Committee has a key role in monitoring the performance of the Partnership including the findings of the external auditor.

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Background papers

Report to STG Building Control Joint Committee – 14 June 2012.