

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

24 JULY 2018

Subject: KPMG: EXTERNAL AUDIT ISA260 REPORT 2017/18

Cabinet member: Cllr Philip Whitehead – Finance, Procurement, IT and Operation Assets

Key Decision: No

Purpose of Report

1. To present KPMG's "External Audit IAS206 Report 2017/18" to the Audit Committee and to invite Members to consider their response. KPMG will attend the meeting of the Audit Committee to present the report and to respond to any queries.

Background

2. This report has been prepared by the Council's external auditor (KPMG) and it summarises the conclusions and key issues arising from the recent audit of the Council's financial statements, the pension accounts and their assessment of the Council's arrangements to secure value for money (vfm) in its use of resources.

Main Considerations for the Council

3. The headlines are in the summary of the KPMG report. These are summarised as follows:
 - KPMG anticipates issuing an unqualified audit opinion. This covers both the Wiltshire Council and the Wiltshire Pension Fund Statements of Accounts.
 - KPMG have concluded that the Council has made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. KPMG anticipates issuing an unqualified VFM audit opinion.
 - KPMG identified one audit adjustment to the draft financial statements. This is a presentational re-categorisation between short term debtors and creditors. These adjustments only affect the presentation of the financial statements and do not affect the General Fund or HRA

balances. They have all been adjusted by the Council. Full details are included in the KPMG report):

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

4. There is a 30 working day public inspection period where interested parties may come in inspect the accounts.

Safeguarding Implications

5. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Public Health Implications

6. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Procurement Implications

7. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

8. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

9. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Risk Assessment

10. There are no direct risk implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications

11. KPMG's External Audit ISA260 Report 2017/18 report is relevant to the Council's financial arrangements.

Legal Implications

12. KPMG's External Audit ISA260 Report 2017/18 report is relevant to the Council's legal arrangements.

Recommendations

13. That the Audit Committee considers the ISA 260 report from external auditors in its receipt of the draft accounts for 2017/2018. Based upon that advice, and subject to any issues raised as a result of that consideration, the Audit Committee delegates the signing of the letter of the management representation letter to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Reason for Recommendations

14. To present KPMG's External Audit ISA260 Report 2017/18 to the Audit Committee and to invite Members to consider their response.

IAN DUNCAN

Interim Director, Finance & Procurement

Report Author: Matthew Tiller – Chief Accountant

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

None.

Appendices:

Appendix A - KPMG External Audit ISA260 Report 2017/18