

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER 2013**

**REPORT ON: TAYSIDE SUPERANNUATION FUNDS 2012/2013 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 428-2013**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report on the outcome of the external audit of Tayside Superannuation Funds for the year to 31 March 2013. A copy of the External Auditor's Annual Audit Report (Report No 427-2013) and the 2012/2013 Audited Statement of Accounts for the Tayside Superannuation Funds (Report No 426-2013) are included on the agenda as separate items.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- i notes the contents of External Auditor's Annual Audit Report, in particular that KPMG LLP have issued an unqualified audit opinion

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **4 MAIN TEXT**

### **4.1 Introduction**

External audit is one of the key methods by which the activities and performance of local government are independently scrutinised and reported upon. The external audit of Tayside Superannuation Funds for the financial year 2012/2013 was carried out by Mr David Watt, Director, KPMG LLP. Local authority external auditors are appointed for a five year period and the financial year 2012/2013 marked the second year of KPMG's appointment at the City Council.

The 2012/2013 Unaudited Statement of Accounts was circulated to elected members and to KPMG on 27 June 2013, in line with the statutory deadline. The Accounts have been subject to a three week statutory public inspection period and no objections were received

### **4.2 External Auditor's Annual Audit Report**

KPMG have now completed their audit work and, in accordance with auditing standards (ISA 260), they are now required to report the outcome of their work in relation to the financial statements. This requirement is addressed via their Annual Audit Report. The report is divided into the following five key areas:

- Executive Summary
- Accounting Policies
- Use of Resources
- Governance
- Appendices

#### 4.3 Conclusions

The External Auditor has undertaken a thorough and wide-ranging review of the financial statements and the processes and procedures around their preparation. It is pleasing to note that the financial statements were to a high standard with no adjustments arising and an unqualified audit opinion has been issued.

#### 5 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

#### 6 **CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive and Head of Democratic and Legal Services has been consulted on the content of this report.

#### 7 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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