

Transport for the North Audit & Governance Committee – Item 6

Subject: TfN Year End Statutory Accounts

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1. Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of the production of TfN's first statutory Statement of Accounts and the associated external audit.
- 1.2 The report is accompanied by three appendices:
 - 1. The Draft Statement of Accounts as laid open to public inspection;
 - 2. A supporting presentation that provides explanation on the content of those accounts; and,
 - 3. A copy of the Financial Outturn report to further support understanding of the accounts and their relationship to management outturn.
- 1.3 The Statement of Accounts includes the draft Annual Governance Statement. That Statement was commented upon by Committee members prior to release.

2. Executive Summary:

- 2.1 In line with other local government bodies, TfN is required by statute to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts and for those accounts to be audited by an external body.
- 2.2 These accounts are prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. This Code is based on accounting standards and statutory requirements.
- 2.2 As the Committee has previously been informed, TfN has procured the services of CIPFA and EY to assist in the production of the documents. Via the Public Sector Audit Appointment (PSAA) process, the Committee has also previously approved the appointment of Mazars as TfN's external auditor.

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- 2.3 In line with statutory requirements, the Finance Director has authorised the publication of TfN's draft accounts for public inspection. This authorisation was granted on 31st May, with the accounts laid open for inspection from 1st June to 10th July.
- 2.4 Whilst pre-audit engagement with Mazars has been on-going (as detailed in Mazars' update) the formal audit can now begin.
- 2.5 The appendices to this paper include the draft Accounts as published and a supporting presentation. These documents are presented to encourage scrutiny from Committee members ahead of the next Committee meeting on 16th July when members will be asked to endorse the Accounts.
- 2.6 TfN Board will be presented with the final audited Accounts, the auditors' opinion, and the Committee's view on the 29th July. TfN Board – as 'those charged with governance' – will be asked to approve the accounts.

3. Conclusion:

- 3.1 This a progress report with supporting documentation to encourage Committee members to scrutinise the draft accounts.
- 3.2 The paper notes that the Committee will receive another iteration of the Accounts on the 12th July at which point they will be asked to endorse the documents.

4. Recommendation:

- 4.1 Note the progress made on the production of the Annual Statement of Accounts and external audit process.

5. Appendices:

- 5.1 Appendix a - Financial Outturn Report
- 5.2 Appendix b – Draft Annual Statement of Accounts Supporting Presentation
- 5.3 Appendix c – Draft Annual Statement of Accounts (Unaudited)

Equalities:

Age	Yes	No
Disability	Yes	No
Gender Reassignment	Yes	No
Pregnancy and Maternity	Yes	No
Race	Yes	No
Religion or Belief	Yes	No
Sex	Yes	No
Sexual Orientation	Yes	No

Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Equalities	A full Impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not necessary for this report.	Gareth Sutton	Iain Craven

Environment and Sustainability

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Sustainability / Environment – including considerations regarding Active Travel and Wellbeing	A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not necessary for this report.	Gareth Sutton	Iain Craven

Legal

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Legal	TfN Legal Team has confirmed there are no legal implications.	Debbie Dimmock	Sasha Wayne

Finance

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Finance	The financial implications have been considered and are included in the report.	Gareth Sutton	Iain Craven

Resource

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Resource	TfN HR Team has confirmed there are no resource implications.	Stephen Hipwell	Dawn Madin

Risk

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Risk	A risk assessment has been carried out and the key risks are included in the report.	Haddy Njie	Iain Craven

Consultation

Yes	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Consultation	A consultation has not been carried out because <i>[to be completed by the report author]</i> .	Gareth Sutton	Iain Craven

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