



**Meeting of Audit & Governance Committee
Tuesday 13 September 2016, 2.00pm
Council Chamber, Town House, Haddington**

Urgent Public Item

10. East Lothian Council Annual Accounts 2015/16

REPORT TO: Audit and Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: 13 September 2016

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources & People Services)

SUBJECT: East Lothian Council Annual Accounts – 2015/16

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide those members charged with governance the 2015-16 annual accounts. (The finalised accounts will be placed on the Council's website in due course.)

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are recommended to;

- Note the 2015-16 audited final accounts, taking into consideration the External Auditors Annual Audit Report.
- Note the intention to submit the audited final accounts in accordance with the statutory timetable.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The draft 2015-16 annual accounts were presented and considered by Audit & Governance Committee on 14 June 2016, and were submitted for audit on 30 June 2016.

3.2 Audit review has now been completed, which overall has resulted in a small number of non material amendments to the accounts, and KMPG have confirmed they intend to issue an unqualified audit opinion. A copy of the audited accounts for 2015-16 is set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

3.3 In line with statutory guidelines, the annual accounts will now be formally submitted by 30 September 2016.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct policy implications associated with this report.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – there are no direct resource implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

6.2 Personnel – none.

6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Audit & Governance 14 June 2016 – Item 2 – East Lothian Council Annual Statement of Accounts (Draft) 2015-16

7.2 Members Library Service, June 2016 (ref 86/16) - 2015/16 Draft Annual Accounts (submitted for audit)

7.3 Council 23 August 2016 – Item 4 – 2015-16 Financial Review

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