

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Audit Risk & Scrutiny Committee
DATE	2 February 2023
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Charitable Trusts Audited Annual Accounts 2021/22
REPORT NUMBER	RES/22/260
DIRECTOR	Steven Whyte
CHIEF OFFICER	Jonathan Belford
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	4.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members with an overview of the Council's 2021/22 audited Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Approve the Council's audited Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021/22 as presented, subject to the final amendments being agreed with external auditors, following consultation with the Chief Executive and five political group leaders; and
- 2.2 Approve Councillor Alex McLellan, as Convener of Finance & Resources Committee to sign the 2021/22 Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1.1 On 30 June 2022 this Committee considered the unaudited Aberdeen City Council Annual Accounts. These were signed by the Chief Officer - Finance (as Proper Officer). The audited Annual Accounts of Aberdeen City Council were approved at a meeting of this committee on 27 September 2022.
- 3.1.2 At that time, it was advised that the Council's audited Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts 2021/22 would be presented to this committee on 13 December 2022 for approval. The audit was subsequently delayed further, and this report was then postponed until this committee on 02 February 2023.
- 3.1.3 The audited accounts attached at Appendix A have been updated to take into account the findings of external audit.

3.2 Financial Performance and Review of the Accounts

3.2.1 The Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts encompasses those trusts, registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), for which the Council is the sole trustee. There are nine separately registered charities which for reporting purposes can be grouped together into a single Annual Report and Accounts. These accounts are subject to the same audit process as the Council's Annual Accounts.

3.2.2 The Committee must now consider the audited Annual Accounts and approve them for signature. The final audit report will follow once the audit has been fully completed.

3.2.3 The deadline for submission of these Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts 2021/22 to OSCR is 31 December 2022.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications, not already referred to, arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 In terms of section 44 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Council must send the audited Annual Accounts for the Charitable Trusts to OSCR not more than 9 months after the end of its financial year.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Compliance	Risk of legislation not being followed	Staff working with external audit to ensure compliance with legislation	L	Yes

Operational	There is the risk that technological issues may prevent the Council from preparing the annual accounts	Staff working with IT ensuring that correct processes are in place to prevent technological disruption	L	Yes
Financial	There is a risk that the external audit reveals errors &/or adjustments	Officers discuss with auditors throughout the external audit process	L	Yes
Reputational	Information contained in the Annual Accounts may cause damage to the Council's reputation	Independent examination by senior staff and external auditors	L	Yes
Environment / Climate	None	n/a	n/a	n/a

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	The proposals within this report provide financial information which supports all services and programmes provided by the Council.
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The charitable trusts annual accounts for 2021/22 have recognised the role of the Council in delivering specific projects that will deliver economic impacts in their own right.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The charitable trusts Accounts for 2021/22 provide details of income and expenditure incurred in the provision of charitable services in Aberdeen City for the year.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The Annual Accounts report provides financial information to the people of Aberdeen regarding the services in their area.

Regional and City Strategies	The Council's Annual Accounts provides financial information which supports these charitable approaches.
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9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	not required
Other	not required

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Delivering Good Governance in Local Government, Framework (2016 Edition)' CIPFA & SOLACE, 2016;
- 10.2 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government, Guidance Note for Scottish Local Authorities (2016 Edition)' CIPFA & SOLACE, 2016;
- 10.3 Unaudited Charitable Trusts Annual Accounts 2021/22

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix A – Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts Audited Annual Accounts 2021/22

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