



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership Board

DATE: 30 June 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Les Chapman, Building Control Manager

SUBJECT: Partnership Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present to Members for their approval the accounts of North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership for the financial year ended 31 March 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

i) Approve the Accounts of the Partnership for the financial year 2009/10.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 require that a meeting of the Board must approve the Annual Statement of Accounts. The Partnership has a statutory duty to approve its accounts for 2009/10 by 30 June 2010.

4.0 POLICY CONTEXT

4.1 The production of Annual Accounts is a statutory requirement.

5.0 REPORT

5.1 The accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2010 are attached as Annex A for Members' consideration.

- 5.2** It should be noted that the Partnership is no longer classed as a 'small body' as its annual turnover has exceeded £1m for a period of three consecutive years. The accounts are therefore subject to statutory audit by Deloitte LLP as external auditor for Ryedale District Council, the host council.

Income and Expenditure Account

- 5.3** For the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010, the overall operating deficit on the chargeable and non chargeable accounts is £50,861 (approved budgeted deficit £117,100).

Chargeable Account

- 5.4** For the year ended 31 March 2010, the chargeable account shows a deficit of £63,814 (budgeted deficit £93,790).
- 5.5** The main reason for this improved position compared to the budget is a reduction in overall expenditure of £50k, comprising mainly of costs in the areas of payroll, consultants and computer software, together with savings on the telephones contract.
- 5.6** However, there is also a reduction in overall income of £20k, comprising mainly of income from inspection fees, which is partly offset by an increase in plan fees, notice fees and other income.

Non Chargeable Account

- 5.7** For the year ended 31 March 2010, the non chargeable account shows a surplus of £12,953 (budgeted deficit £23,310).
- 5.8** The main reason for this improved position compared to the budget is an increase in overall income of £39k, comprising mainly of income from search fees and other income.
- 5.9** Non chargeable income includes fees from the partner councils of £40k each in management fees.

Reserve Account

- 5.10** In order to recover the operating deficit of £50,861, an additional contribution from the partners of £50,861 is required (budgeted contribution £117,100). This will result in an additional payment of £12,715 from each of the partners (budgeted payment £29,275 each).
- 5.11** The Partnership will therefore maintain a minimum balance on the reserve account of £10,000.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** Other than the core costs payment by each partner, each partner will also have to contribute to funding the deficit. The legal agreement states that a minimum reserve balance must be maintained.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** None resulting from the contents of this report.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1** This report helps to ensure the reduction of risks as the production of the Statement of Accounts is a statutory function and is produced in accordance with CIPFA Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting – the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for local authorities.

9.0 CONCLUSION

- 9.1** For the financial year ended 31 March 2010, the income and expenditure account for the North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership shows an operating deficit of £50,861.
- 9.2** This is the third year that the Partnership has made a deficit and an additional contribution from the partners of £50,861 has been required, in order to meet the requirement of a minimum level of reserves of £10,000.
- 9.3** An agreed rationalisation and recovery programme for the Partnership was implemented during 2009/10, which is planned to establish the Partnership in a better financial position for 2010/11.

Background Papers: Budget Working Papers, December 2008

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