

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

Report of the Strategic Director - Governance to the ARP Joint Committee – 11th March 2010

ARP Joint Committee Statement of Accounts 2008/2009

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the audited statement of accounts to ARP Joint Committee.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Approve the audited statement of accounts
- 2.2 Approve the annual governance statement

Note: In preparing this report, due regard has been had to equality of opportunity, human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental and risk management considerations as appropriate. Relevant officers have been consulted in relation to any legal, financial or human resources implications and comments received are reflected in the report.

3. Information, Issues and Options

3.1 Information

3.1.1 The Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership (ARP) is a Joint Committee established in accordance with section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. As the host authority, Breckland Council produces an annual statement of accounts for the ARP Joint Committee.

3.1.2 The overall cost of the partnership has decreased in 2008/09 against 2007/08 which represents the greater efficiencies that the authorities have been able to secure from joint working.

3.2. Issues

3.2.1 The ARP does not have a separate bank account, nor does it keep any separate accounting records, the accounts are prepared from records maintained by Breckland and Forest Heath District Councils.

3.3 Options

3.3.1 To approve the audited statement of accounts and annual governance statement

3.3.2 Not to approve the audited statement of accounts and annual governance statement as presented and make amendments.

3.4 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

3.4.1 To approve the audited statement of accounts and annual governance statement in order to comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulation 2003.

4. Risk and Financial Implications

4.1 Risk

4.1.1 I have completed a risk management assessment in accordance with the Council's

Risk Management methodology, and there are no additional risks identified.

4.2 Financial

4.2.1 The financial implications are highlighted in the report and the statements of accounts.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 None

6. Other Implications

a) Equalities: No Equalities Impact Assessment been conducted, as the nature of the report is one of a regulatory nature, covering all services and activities of the Council.

b) Section 17, Crime & Disorder Act 1998: None

c) Section 40, Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006: None

d) Human Resources: None

e) Human Rights: None

f) Other: None

7. Alignment to Council Priorities

7.1 This report is of a regulatory nature.

8. Ward/Community Affected

8.1 N/A

Background Papers

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Key Decision Status (Executive Decisions only):

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A – audited statement of accounts