

SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL JOINT COMMITTEE

22 MARCH 2012

SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

Report from: Mick Hayward, S151 Officer to the Joint Committee

Summary

The report presents the external auditor's certificate and opinion in respect of the Joint Committee's accounts for 2010/2011.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Memorandum of Agreement requires that an auditor appointed by the Audit Commission shall audit the accounts of the Partnership.
- 1.2 The June 2011 meeting of the Joint Committee approved the 2010/2011 Statement of Accounts.
- 1.3 The auditor is required to review the Statement of Accounts and report back to the Joint Committee on its findings and, where appropriate, require the Joint Committee to prepare an appropriate response and management action plan.

2. External Auditor's Report

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the external auditor's certificate and opinion in respect of the 2010/2011 financial year. It confirms that:-
 - no errors were identified
 - all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements were met

3. Financial Implications and Legal Implications

- 3.1 The fee for the external audit can be met from existing budgets.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the external auditor's certificate and opinion as presented.

5. Suggested Reasons for Decisions

- 5.1 The Joint Committee has a key role in monitoring the performance of the Partnership including the findings of the external auditor.

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Background papers

Report to STG Building Control Joint Committee – 9 June 2011.

Section 3 – External auditor’s certificate and opinion

CERTIFICATE

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2011 of

SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP

Respective responsibilities of the Partnership and the auditor

The Partnership is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and for the preparation of an annual return which:

- Summarises the Partnership’s accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2011; and
- Confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibility.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

External Auditor’s Report

(Except for the matters reported below) on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission’s requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the Joint Committee

External Auditor’s signature

External Auditor’s name DINA PETENOVIC

Date 15/11/11

Note: The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission’s publication entitled Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies.