

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NORTH WEST REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP

For the year ended 31st March 2014

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Explanatory Foreword**Introduction**

The North West Region Waste Management Group is an unincorporated Joint Committee of seven councils formed under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 for the purpose of delivering integrated solutions to the management of residual waste in line with the Regional Waste Management Plan 2006 - 2020. The North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Joint Committee also has a duty under Local Government (Best Value) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

These financial statements have been prepared in line with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 (the Code) and the Department of the Environment Accounts Direction, Circular LG 15/14. It is the purpose of this foreword to explain, in an easily understandable way the financial facts in relation to the Joint Committee.

This Statement of Accounts explains the Joint Committee's finances during the financial year 2013/14 and its financial position at the end of that year. It follows approved accounting standards and is necessarily technical in parts.

Group Accounts

The Code requires Local Authorities to consider all their interests and to prepare a full set of group financial statements where they have material interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. North West Region Waste Management Group does not have material interests in such bodies and accordingly is not required to prepare group financial statements.

Financial Report

The financial statements explain the Joint Committee's finances during the financial year ended 31st March 2014 and its financial position at the end of that year.

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The following statements provide further information:

- The Movement in Reserves Statement, as set out on page 16, shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Joint Committee. The surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Joint Committee's services.
- The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as set out on page 17, shows the income earned and the expenditure incurred during the year by the Joint Committee in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. This includes details of funding received from Government bodies and participating Councils, together with details of administrative expenditure incurred by the Joint Committee and financial assistance provided to beneficiaries.
- The Balance Sheet, as set out on page 18, shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the Joint Committee's assets and liabilities. The net assets of the Joint Committee (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Joint Committee.
- The Cash Flow Statement, as set out on page 19, shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the joint committee during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Joint Committee generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities.

For the year ended 31st March 2014 the Joint Committee accounted for grant income of £282,363, Council contributions of £173,238 and incurred total costs of £455,601. The financial activities of the Joint Committee are wholly funded by Government Bodies and the participating Councils, therefore resulting in a £nil surplus/deficit for the year.

Legislative Context for Preparation and Audit of the Financial Statements

The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, Article 3, defines a joint committee of two or more councils to be a local government body and provides that:

The accounts of every local authority government body shall be :

- a) made up to the end of each financial year; and
- b) audited in accordance with this Part by a local government auditor designated by the Department, after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland.

Article 24 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 provides that the Department may issue regulations as to accounts and audit. In this regard the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 were made on 7 March 2006.

The Accounts Direction, issued by the Department of the Environment on 15th April 2014 under Regulation 4 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations 2006 requires the Joint Committee to prepare accounts. These financial statements cover the period from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 and have been prepared in compliance with the Direction.

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Statement of the Joint Committee's and the Chief Financial Officer's responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The Joint Committee's Responsibilities

Under Section 1 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 a Council shall make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs. A council shall designate an officer of the council as its Chief Financial Officer. Arrangements made by a council for the proper administration of its financial affairs shall be carried out under the supervision of its Financial Officer. The Joint Committee has adopted a similar arrangement and the Chief Financial Officer for the Administrative (Lead) Council undertakes equivalent duties for the Joint Committee.

Under Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 the Joint Committee is required by resolution to approve the accounts.

These accounts were approved by the Joint Committee on the 4th June 2014

The Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities

Under Regulation 4(1) of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Joint Committee's Statement of Accounts in the form directed by the Department of the Environment.

The accounts must give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure for the financial year and the financial position as at the end of the financial year.

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Chief Financial Officer is required to:-

- observe the Accounts Direction issued by the Department of the Environment including compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom as amended and augmented from time to time, as appropriate;
- follow relevant accounting and disclosure requirements and apply suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The Chief Financial Officer is also required to:-

- keep proper accounting records that are up-to-date; and
- take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Governance Statement

Introduction

The North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiency and effectively. The Joint Committee also has a duty under Local Government (Best Value) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

In discharging this overall responsibility, the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

The North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee is required to prepare an Annual Governance Statement which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. This statement explains how the Joint Committee meets the requirements of Regulation 2A of the Local Government Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland 2006) in relation to the publication of a statement on internal control.

The purpose of the governance framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the Joint Committee is directed and controlled and the activities through which the Joint Committee accounts to and engages with the community. It enables the Joint Committee to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate cost-effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Joint Committee's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework has been in place for the financial period ended 31st March 2014 and up to the date of approval of the financial statements.

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The Governance Framework

The key elements of the systems and processes that comprise the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee governance arrangements include:

Identifying and communicating the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee's vision of its purpose and intended outcomes for citizens and service users.

Reviewing the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee's vision and its implications for the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee's governance arrangements.

Measuring the quality of services for users through the Citizen Satisfaction Survey, ensuring they are delivered in accordance with the Joint Committee's objectives and for ensuring that they represent the best use of resources.

Defining and documenting the roles and responsibilities of the executive, non-executive, scrutiny and officer functions, with clear delegation arrangements and protocols for effective communication.

The North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee is pleased to report compliance with the requirements of the Annual Governance Statements for 2013/2014

Arrangements for undertaking the core functions of an Audit Committee, as identified in CIPFA's Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities

The Joint Committee has an Audit and Risk Committee, the procedures and regulations for its effective operation have been developed with reference to perceived best practice and CIPFA guidance and as identified in CIPFA's Audit Committees - Practical guide for local authorities. The Audit and Risk Committee comprises four elected members. Audit and Risk Committee terms of reference have been documented and approved by the Committee. The terms of reference set out a clear statement of purpose that it will provide an independent assurance on the adequacy of the Council's risk management framework and associated control environment. It will provide an independent scrutiny of the Joint Committee's financial and non financial performance to the extent that it exposes it to risk and weakens the control environment. The Audit and Risk Committee met four times in the financial year 2013/2014: -July, October, January and March and was quorate on all occasions.

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Other key Elements of Systems and Processes that comprise the NWRWMG Joint Committee Governance Arrangements.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision and a system of delegation and accountability. Development and maintenance of the system is undertaken by managers within Derry City Council. In particular, the system includes: -

Budgetary Control Procedures, complying with relevant laws and regulations, internal policies and procedures, that expenditure is lawful and is imbedded within the culture of the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee. All officers are required to act with integrity and in accordance with the law and policy. Members, the Lead Officer and audit monitor operations to ensure compliance and to identify and correct any weaknesses in procedures including: - Credit Control Procedures; Treasury Management Procedures; Procedure for the Purchase of Supplies & Services; Risk Management Strategy; Corporate and Budgetary Planning; Preparation of relevant regular financial reports; and regular reviews of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance.

A clear statement of the Joint Committee's purpose, vision and objectives are set out in the Waste Management Plan. The Memorandum of Understanding, Rules and Procedures and Standing Orders documents the Joint Committee's role, and working relations with its partner Councils in supporting the delivery of its strategic aims and objective. The achievement of these is monitored by the Joint Committee and by the Joint Committee's Audit and Risk Committee.

Arrangements for ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations, internal policies and procedures, and that expenditure is lawful

The Joint Committee with its Councils and funders (DOE) regularly review progress made and issues arising as part of the monthly reporting cycle. The Joint Committee has retained a specialist team of client side advisers for the infrastructure project and Derry City Council legal services also provide expert advice and guidance to the Joint Committee. In addition recommendations as outlined in internal and external audit reports enable the Committee to ensure compliance is maintained. The use of external advisers and DOE funding for the Waste Infrastructure project ceased on 31st March 2014.

Arrangements for whistle-blowing and for receiving and investigating complaints from the public

The Joint Committee operates a whistle blowing policy with clearly identified contacts for making complaints and this is communicated to staff and public.

The handling of complaints is also set out in Derry City Council's Complaints Procedure, a copy of which is published on the Council's website.

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Review of effectiveness

The North West Region Waste Management Joint Committee has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the managers within the North West Region Waste Management Joint Committee who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the Head of Internal Audit's annual report, and also by comments made by the external auditors and other external reviews. The Joint Committee has begun to consider its effectiveness and the impact of the transformation of local government post 31st March 2015 when the new Councils will come into being and the current councils will cease to exist as corporate entities. This activity will be ongoing throughout the next twelve months.

The procedures applied in maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the governance framework included the following: -

The Joint Committee meet on a monthly basis and provision has been made within the rules for additional special meetings as required.

Regular meetings are held with the Chief Executives of the member Councils. Director team meetings are held monthly. The Audit and Risk Committee meet at least three times per year and Internal audit is an on-going process throughout the year provided by Derry City Council's Internal Audit section. External Audit by NIAO, external funding audits by the DOE and the Gateway Review Process for major infrastructure projects provide additional levels of assurance.

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee will continue to review the effectiveness of the governance framework in light of the transformation of local government. To this end the Joint Committee will liaise with existing Councils, new Councils and the Department of the Environment to review of its governance framework and the Joint Committee has undertaken to implement the results of this review to strengthen the governance framework and to ensure continuous improvement of the systems in place and the robustness of the governance framework

Internal Audit services are provided by the Derry City Council. Internal Audit provides an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's system of internal control. This extends to reviewing the arrangements in place for Joint Committee Projects, which will be reviewed on a periodic basis as part of an on-going programme of work. Internal Audit reports any deficiencies in internal control to the Clerk to the Joint Committee whose responsibility it is to consider any recommendations made and to take necessary remedial action. The results of the work of Internal Audit are reported to the Joint Committee, the Audit and Risk Committee and Derry City Council's Audit Committee to ensure that continuous improvements take place. Internal audit is ongoing throughout the year by Derry City Council. During 2013-14 the internal audit report provided substantial assurance that system objectives will be achieved by the controls in place over the NWRWVG.

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The Lead Council undertake an annual review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit in line with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the United Kingdom 2006. This review proved satisfactory.

The Clerk to the Joint Committee has advised the Joint Committee of the results and implications of the review of the effectiveness of the governance framework. Arrangements during the year were retained

On-going review and update of the governance framework and internal controls will ensure continual improvement and a robust governance framework.

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Significant governance issues

The North West Region Waste management Group Joint Committee comprises Ballymoney Borough Council, Coleraine Borough Council, Derry City Council, Limavady Borough Council, Magherafelt District Council, Moyle District Council and Strabane District Council. There are no significant governance issues that affect the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee.

The legal issues that presented during the 2012/2013 year consisting of two legal writs challenging the Regional Waste Infrastructure Project procurement were properly disposed of at the beginning of the 2013/2014 financial year and offered no attendant risks. The Audit process both internal and external identified no areas of concern. The internal audit provided a substantial level of assurance. Risk management is nonetheless embedded across all of the activities of the Joint Committee and is a continuous and evolving process which is monitored closely by the Audit and Risk Committee and Internal Audit. A project risk register and corporate risk register are now in place for all of the activity of the North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee.

In common with all Councils in Northern Ireland, there is a continuing risk that the Councils of the Group could incur fines for non-achievement of Waste Management targets. However, the Councils of the Group have continued to take all appropriate measures to address this risk and to demonstrate that the Councils are making "Best Endeavours" both individually and in collaboration with the NWRWMG to secure adequate waste treatment infrastructure facilities.

During the year the Joint Committee continued to focus on the delivery of the residual waste infrastructure procurement project and has been attempting to achieve financial close since the appointment of the preferred bidder, however, it has been unable to do so because the bidder has indicated that it may/will have to make a number of changes to the original bid since its appointment as preferred bidder such that it has become unclear whether it would be possible successfully to conclude a contract on terms which were commercially acceptable to the Authority and which did not involve an unlawful departure from the basis of the original bid. These circumstances created a considerable degree of uncertainty regarding the project and called into question whether the project would be deliverable either at all or at a price and on terms which would be acceptable to the Authority.

In light of the fact that the Authority was unable to determine a realistic timetable for the project or confirm the cost of the Project and having sought appropriate senior counsel advice, the Joint Committee reluctantly took the step of recommending to the member Councils the abandonment of the project. The member Councils accepted this recommendation and the project was formally abandoned on the 16th June 2014.

The Joint Committee continues to work to deliver appropriate waste contracts to ensure that all its member councils remain compliant and fulfil their statutory obligations. The current review of Public Administration concludes with the establishment of new Councils on the 1st April 2015. The future of the Joint Committee as a going concern is therefore the subject of consideration by the current member Councils and the shadow Councils and will be taken forward by the new Councils once they are established. The North West region Waste Management Group continues to monitor the position closely and engage actively with the Department and Councils to ensure that there is a smooth transition of the Joint Committee from the current situation to the new structure.

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The Role of the Chief Financial Officer

The North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee has designated the Chief Financial Officer of Derry City Council as the Chief Financial Officer under sections 1 and 42 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The Joint Committee complies with the governance requirements of the CIPFA Statement on the role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (2010) as set out in the Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework.

The Chief Financial Officer is supported by suitably qualified and experienced staff within the Chief Executive's Department of Derry City Council. This ensures that the decisions made by the Chief Financial Officer are based on sound technical knowledge and understanding.

Signature

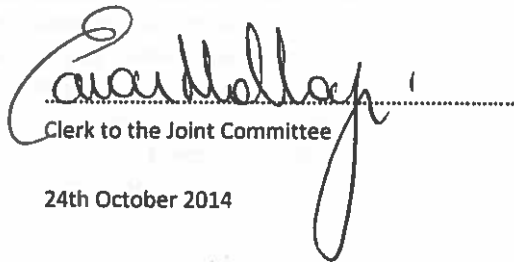


Chairperson of the Joint Committee

Date

24th October 2014

Signature



Clerk to the Joint Committee

Date

24th October 2014

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On behalf of the Joint Committee of the North West Region Waste Management Group.

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer

I certify that :-

- a) The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 on pages 16 to 25 has been prepared in the form directed by the Department of the Environment and under the accounting policies set out on page 20.

- b) In my opinion the Statement of Accounts give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year and the financial position as at the end of the financial year.

Signature



Chief Financial Officer

Date

24th October 2014

Joint Committee Approval of Statement of Accounts

These accounts were approved by the Joint Committee on the 4th June 2014 and were subject to a number of minor amendments as noted on page 26

Signature



Chairperson of the Joint Committee

Date

24th October 2014

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH WEST REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP

I have audited the financial statements of the North West Region Waste Management Group for the year ended 31 March 2014 under the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005. The financial statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them.

This report is made solely to the Members of the North West Region Waste Management Group in accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and for no other purpose, as specified in the Statement of Responsibilities.

Respective responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer and the independent auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Joint Committee's and Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year and the financial position as at the end of the financial year. My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Local Government Code of Audit Practice. I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me and my staff to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the North West Region Waste Management Group's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the North West Region Waste Management Group; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Statement of Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with relevant legal and statutory requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013-14, of the financial position of the North West Region Waste Management Group as at 31 March 2014 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and the Department of the Environment directions issued thereunder.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion the information given in the Explanatory Foreword for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 is consistent with the financial statements.


Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which I report to you if, in my opinion:

- The Annual Governance Statement:
 - does not reflect compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013-14;
 - does not comply with proper practices specified by the Department of the Environment;
 - is misleading or inconsistent with other information I am aware of from my audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the statement of accounts is not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Certificate

I certify that I have completed the audit of accounts of the North West Region Waste Management Group in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Local Government Code of Audit Practice.



Louise Mason
Local Government Auditor
Northern Ireland Audit Office
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27 October 2014

Movement in Reserves Statement

	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves	Total Reserves
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2012	0	0	0
Movement in reserves during the year			
Surplus or deficit on provision of services	0	0	0
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0
At 31st March 2013	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Movement in reserves during the year			
Surplus or deficit on provision of services	0	0	0
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0	0
At 31st March 2014	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

	Notes	2013/14 £	2012/13 £
Income			
Government Grant	2a/ & 4	282,363	204,412
Participating Councils	3	173,238	166,038
Total Income		455,601	370,450
Expenditure			
Financial Assistance to Beneficiaries	2a/ & 5	282,363	204,412
Staff Costs	7	123,512	120,439
Travel and Subsistence Costs		4,880	4,870
Other Payments		12,730	0
Administration Costs		23,285	25,242
Sundry Expenses		8,831	15,487
		455,601	370,450
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	0
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		0	0

Balance Sheet

		2014	2013
	Notes	£	£
Long Term Assets		0	0
Short Term Investments		0	0
Inventories		0	0
Short Term Debtors	8	183,855	107,836
Cash and Cash Equivalents		0	0
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Current Assets		183,855	107,836
Bank Overdraft		0	0
Short Term Borrowing		0	0
Short Term Creditors	9	183,855	107,836
Provisions		0	0
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Current Liabilities		183,855	107,836
Long Term Liabilities		0	0
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Assets		0	0
Usable Reserves		0	0
Unusable Reserves		0	0
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Worth		0	0

Cash Flow Statement

	2013/14	2012/13
	£	£
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	0	0
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing	10	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	0	0
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	0	0
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	0	0
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

1 Accounting Policies**General Principles**

The Financial Statements summarise the Joint Committee's transactions for the 2013/14 financial year and its position at the end of 31st March 2014. The Joint Committee is required to prepare annual Financial Statements in a form directed by the Department of the Environment in accordance with regulations 4 (1) and (2) in the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 and the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2013/14 supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. The accruals basis of accounting requires the non-cash effect of transactions to be reflected in the Financial Statements for the year in which those effects are experienced and not in the year in which the cash is actually received or paid. This ensures that provision has been made for known outstanding debtors and creditors at the year end, estimated amounts being used where actual figures are not available.

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2a Segmental Report - Current Year 2013 -2014

	Waste Project	Total
	£	£
Income from Participating Councils	173,238	173,238
Government Grants	282,363	282,363
Total Income	455,601	455,601
Financial Assistance to Beneficiaries	282,363	282,363
Staff Costs	123,512	123,512
Travel and Subsistence Costs	4,880	4,880
Other Payments	12,730	12,730
Administration Costs	23,285	23,285
Sundry Expenses	8,831	8,831
Total Expenditure	455,601	455,601
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0

2b Segmental Report - Prior Year 2012 -2013

	Waste Project	Total
	£	£
Income from Participating Councils	166,038	166,038
Government Grants	204,412	204,412
Total Income	370,450	370,450
Financial Assistance to Beneficiaries	204,412	204,412
Staff Costs	120,439	120,439
Travel and Subsistence Costs	4,870	4,870
Administration Costs	25,242	25,242
Sundry Expenses	15,487	15,487
Total Expenditure	370,450	370,450
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0	0

3	Income from Participating Councils	2013/14	2012/13
		£	£
	Waste Project	173,238	166,038
		<u>173,238</u>	<u>166,038</u>
4	Government Grants	2013/14	2012/13
		£	£
	Waste Project	282,363	204,412
		<u>282,363</u>	<u>204,412</u>
5	Financial payments to beneficiaries	2013/14	2012/13
		£	£
	Waste Project	282,363	204,412
		<u>282,363</u>	<u>204,412</u>
6	External Audit Fees	2013/14	2012/13
		£	£
	External Audit Fees	5,531	5,789
		<u>5,531</u>	<u>5,789</u>

7 Staff Costs	2013/14	2012/13
	£	£
Salaries	96,228	94,591
National Insurance	8,011	7,880
Pension Costs	19,273	17,968
	<u>123,512</u>	<u>120,439</u>

	2013/14	2012/13
	FTE	FTE
	Actual	Actual
	Numbers	Numbers
Full-time numbers employed	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

1 employee in receipt of more than £50k in both 2013-14 and 2012-13

In addition during 2012-13 and 2013-14 a consultant was seconded from SIB, this cost by way of a management charge of £79k, is reflected in the financial assistance to beneficiaries. This cost is fully funded by SIB and DoE.

8 Short Term Debtors	£	£
	2013/14	2012/13
Government Departments	139,285	71,507
Councils	44,570	36,329
	<u>183,855</u>	<u>107,836</u>

9 Short Term Creditors	£	£
	2013/14	2012/13
Government Departments	5,500	6,000
Councils	116,779	91,482
Other	61,576	10,354
	<u>183,855</u>	<u>107,836</u>

10 Cash Flow Note – Analysis of Adjustments to Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	Note	2013/14	2012/13
		£	£
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	8	(76,019)	(107,836)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	9	76,019	107,836
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

11 Related Party Transactions

A Related Party Transaction is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged. Related Party Transactions exclude transactions with any other entity that is a related party solely because of its economic dependence on the Joint Committee or the Government of which it forms part.

A related party is one that has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. This includes cases where the related party entity and another entity are subject to common control but excludes providers of finance in the course of their normal business with the Joint Committee and Trade Unions in the course of their normal dealings with the Joint Committee.

In addition where the relationship with the Joint Committee and the entity is solely that of an Agency, these are not deemed to be Related Party Transactions.

Transactions with related parties not disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements are set out below, where a description of the nature and the amount of the transaction is as follows:

Councillors have direct control over the Joint Committee's financial and operating policies. In the financial year 2013/14 the Joint Committee did not commission any works from companies in which Councillors had an interest.

The Joint Committee provides administration support to the seven participant councils in relation to the procurement and management of waste related contracts. During 2013/14 the Joint Committee reported income of £173,238 (2012/13 £166,038) from member Councils, of which £44,570 (2012/13 £36,329) was outstanding as at 31 March 2014. Expenditure of £24 was made to member Councils (2012/13 £307) for the year 2013/14. As the Joint Committee uses Derry City Council to cashflow its activities, there was a balance owed to the Council as at 31 March 2014 of £116,779 (2012/13 £91,481). £9,265 was also owed to another Council (2012/13 £9,550) as at 31 March 2014.

The income from participating Councils is as shown below:

	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2012/13</u>
	£	£
Derry City Council	58,015	55,291
Coleraine Borough Council	30,165	29,057
Magherafelt District Council	22,116	21,253
Strabane District Council	20,827	20,090
Limavady Borough Council	18,178	17,434
Ballymoney Borough Council	15,006	14,445
Moyle District Council	8,931	8,468
	<u>173,238</u>	<u>166,038</u>

The Joint Committee also receives grant funding from the Department of the Environment for costs involved in the waste management procurement process. During 2013/14 this amounted to £242,659 (2012/13 £158,217). The Joint Committee also received grant funding from SIB for management charges which amounted to £39,704 (2012/13 £46,195).

Derry City Council provides office accommodation and support services to the joint Committee for which it received £15,000 during 2013/14 (2012/13 £15,000).

Accounts Authorised for the Issue Certificate

In accordance with International Accounting Standards (IAS 10) this Statement of Accounts which contains amendments which are not material from the Accounts approved on 4th June 2014 is at today's date hereby authorised for issue.

IAS 10 sets out

- The period during which an entity should adjust its financial statements for events after the balance sheet date as being the period between the date the financial statements were prepared and the date of this authorisation; and
- In the event of adjustments the disclosures that should be made.

Signed



Chief Financial Officer

Dated:

24th October 2014