

Meeting: Transport for the North Audit & Governance Committee

Subject: 2021/22 Outturn and Draft Statutory Accounts

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1. Purpose of the Report:

1.1 This report provides an update on the final outturn for 2021/22 and progress on the production of TfN's Statement of Accounts.

2. Recommendations:

2.1 Note the final outturn for 2021/22.

2.2 Note the progress made on the production of the Annual Statement of Accounts 2021/22.

2.3 Note that the Committee will receive further report on the Accounts on the 14 July.

3. Main Issues:

3.1 The management accounts for 2021/22 are complete. The final outturn position has been appended to this report.

3.2 In line with other local government bodies, TfN is required by statute to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts and for those accounts to be audited by an external body.

3.3 In connection with the statutory accounts, this report is accompanied by two appendices:

1. The Draft Unaudited Statement of Accounts; and
2. A supporting presentation that provides explanation on the content of those accounts.

These documents are presented to encourage review and scrutiny from Committee members ahead of the next Committee meeting on 14 July.

3.4 The Statement of Accounts includes the draft Annual Governance Statement. This draft statement was reviewed at the committee meeting in February and has been subject to only minor amendment.

3.5 The Statement of Accounts must include a Narrative Report which, in addition to a review of financial performance in year, must include information on the forward plans and financial sustainability of the organisation. Due to the delayed budget and business planning, a lot of the information required for the Narrative Report is currently being finalised. The Narrative report will be drafted to reflect the output of the budget and business planning process and is expected to be available for the external audit starting w/c 6 June and for the Committee at their July meeting.

- 3.6 Mazars are anticipated to begin their audit in the week commencing 6 June.
- 3.7 In line with last year, the 2021/22 statutory deadline for publishing accounts for public inspection has been moved by the UK Government to 1 August (from 1 June). We elected to publish the accounts closer to this date to allow the external audit to progress and ideally consider and address and points emerging from the audit that may impact on the accounts. The Draft Statement of Accounts will be published for public inspection on a date to be confirmed.
- 3.8 TfN Board will be presented with the final audited Accounts, the auditors' opinion, and the Committee's view on 29 September. TfN Board – as 'those charged with governance' – will be asked to approve the accounts.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1 *Financial Implications*

The financial implications have been considered and are included in the report.

4.2 *Resource Implications*

There are no resource implications within this report.

4.3 *Legal Implications*

Legal implications are addressed within the report.

4.4 *Risk Management and Key Issues*

There are no material risks to be considered within this report.

4.5 *Environmental Implications*

A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not considered necessary for this report.

4.6 *Equality and Diversity*

A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not considered necessary for this report.

4.7 *Consultations*

A consultation has not been carried out because it is not considered necessary for this report.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 None

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Final Outturn 2021/22 report
- 6.2 Draft Annual Statement of Accounts (Unaudited)
- 6.3 Draft Annual Statement of Accounts Supporting Presentation