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To: Governance and Audit Committee Trading Activities Sub Group - 28
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Subject: Statutory Accounts for those companies in which KCC has an interest

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To present the latest available Statutory Accounts for those companies in which KCC has an interest.

FOR ASSURANCE

INTRODUCTION

1. At the G&A Trading Activities Sub Group meeting on 4 July 2012, Members requested that they receive copies of the latest available Statutory Accounts for those companies in which KCC has an interest at the next Sub Group meeting in September 2012.
2. For background information, this report provides summaries of the principal activities of those companies in which KCC has an interest, as well as the key financial highlights from their latest available Statutory Accounts.
3. Copies of the latest available Audited or Unaudited (if Audited not yet available) Statutory Accounts are attached for Members' review and consideration. The 2010/11 Statutory Accounts are provided in cases where the 2011/12 Accounts are not yet available.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The table below shows which sets of Statutory Accounts (2010/11 or 2011/12) have been received and attached to this report, any relevant comments and brief synopses of the companies' principal activities, together where applicable with their website addresses.

Background Information

Company Name	Statutory Accounts Received		Audited / Unaudited	Comments	Principal Activities / Website Address
	2010/11	2011/12			
Association of Tourist Attractions in Kent Ltd	✓		U	2011/12 Accounts to be prepared in December 2012	To provide an independent forum for the owners of visitor attractions in Kent
Groundwork Kent & Medway	✓		A	2011/12 Accounts to be prepared in October 2012	To build sustainable communities in areas of need through joint environmental action http://www.groundwork-km.org.uk/
Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust	✓		A		To support the regeneration of Aylesham http://www.ayleshamworkshopstrust.org.uk/
The Individual Learning Company				KCC no longer has an interest; became an independent organisation in December 2000	
The North Kent Architecture Centre Ltd	✓		A	2011/12 Accounts will be available in November 2012	To provide design support, bringing the value of good design to as many people as possible http://architecture-centre.org/
Visit Kent Ltd	✓		A	2011/12 Accounts will be prepared in October 2012	To promote, market, advertise and develop nationally and internationally the Kent tourist industry http://www.visitkent.co.uk/
Locate in Kent Ltd		✓	A		To stimulate the local economy by encouraging companies to relocate to Kent http://www.locateinkent.com/

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Trading Standards South East Ltd	✓		A		To provide consumer advice via a call centre, and training to trading standards professionals https://www.tsse.org.uk/default.aspx
East Kent Spatial Development Company		✓	U		To promote economic development and regeneration http://www.eksdc.co.uk/
Produced in Kent Ltd		✓	A		To increase public awareness of produce produced in Kent http://www.producedinkent.co.uk/
Business Support Kent Community Interest Company	✓		A	2011/12 Accounts to be prepared by the end of September 2012	To improve the competitiveness of SMEs through impartial delivery of a variety of services, and by providing access to information, skills, knowledge and advice they need to succeed http://www.bsk-cic.co.uk/
Kent County Trading Ltd		✓	A		Temporary employment agency and employment business. Also, provider of bus services, facilities management services, and services to care homes
Kent County Supplies Ltd		✓	A		To provide supply services to care homes in respect of medical & hygiene consumables https://www.kcswebshop.co.uk/
Kent County Facilities Ltd		✓	A		To provide facilities management services http://www.kcfacilities.co.uk/
Kent Top Temps Ltd		✓	A		Temporary employment agency and employment business http://www.kenttoptemps.co.uk/

KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

5. The table below shows the key financial highlights from the Statutory Accounts attached:

Company Name	Financial Year	Turnover / Income	Profit/Surplus before Tax	Retained Profit/Surplus	Net Assets
		£k	£k	£k	£k
Association of Tourist Attractions in Kent Ltd	2010/11 Abbreviated Accounts	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.6
Groundwork Kent & Medway	2010/11	1,634.9	N/A	42.7	217.7
Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust	2010/11	205.4	N/A	(43.6)	1,902.8
The Individual Learning Company					
The North Kent Architecture Centre Ltd	2010/11	438.7	7.1	6.3	135.7
Visit Kent Ltd	2010/11	1,565.4	6.4	6.4	162.1
Locate in Kent Ltd	2011/12	959.1	16.6	16.1	493.5
Trading Standards South East Ltd	2010/11	2,499.8	1.7	1.3	25.0
East Kent Spatial Development Company	2011/12	720.3	61.4	50.7	2,227.7
Produced in Kent Ltd	2011/12	237.0	(7.8)	(7.8)	19.0
Business Support Kent Community Interest Company (see Note 1)	2010/11	5,076.7	(224.6)	(226.7)	379.3
Kent County Trading Ltd	2011/12	37,741.1	887.3	689.8	2,010.3
Kent County Supplies Ltd	2011/12	657.4	346.3	257.8	(1.7)
Kent County Facilities Ltd	2011/12	3,373.9	253.0	213.3	557.9
Kent Top Temps Ltd	2011/12	34,233.2	290.7	221.3	1,456.8

Note 1 - The pre-tax deficit of £224.6k in 2010/11 contrasts with a pre-tax surplus of £256.5k in 2009/10. A three year contract to provide the Business Link service, funded by the South East England Development Agency, was completed successfully on 31 March 2010. The loss of the Business Link contract to a national service provider had a significant impact on the scale of the group, resulting directly in a reduction in turnover from £9,275.1k in 2009/10 to £5,076.7k in 2010/11. The year to 31 March 2011 was very much one of transition requiring a substantial realignment of the organisation which gave rise to significant one-off costs that contributed to the reported deficit. The 2010/11 Statutory Report and Accounts (attached) state that the group has made good progress in reorganising its operations to address the challenges of this new environment, resulting in a reduction in headcount from 103 to 47, and has been successful in securing some new contracts to sustain its future business. KCC does not hold any shares in Business Support Kent Community Interest Company, but it does contract with the company, and has representation on the Board by Barbara Cooper, Director of Economic Development at KCC.

RECOMMENDATION

6. Members are recommended to note the contents of this report for assurance, and to note the latest available Statutory Accounts (attached) for those companies in which KCC has an interest.

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