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To: Governance and Audit Committee – 8 October 2020

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

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As per its Terms of Reference, the Governance and Audit Committee has a responsibility each year to 'Receive and review the annual statutory financial accounts of any KCC limited companies and financial statements for other trading vehicles and to consider corrective action where appropriate'.
- 1.2 The link to the latest Statutory Accounts for these companies (for 2018-19) is included as an appendix to the report should the Members' wish to review and consider them. The link is: [Statutory Accounts](#)
- 1.3 This report also includes an explanation of payments made by the Council to the company, the purpose of the company and the nature and degree of interest that the Council has in the company. There is no underlying risk to KCC in relation to these accounts.

2 ENTITIES WHICH KCC HAS AN INTEREST IN

- 2.1 The table below shows the details of the entities in which KCC has an interest, including payments made to the entities during 2018-19. The accounts for each of the companies have been prepared on a going concern basis and give no cause for concern. Locate in Kent is the only company which has raised a potential issue over longer term viability.

1. Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust Ltd	
Purpose of entity	Established for the benefit of persons in the Aylesham and Rural District to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the advancement of education and for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life of said persons. Company Limited by Guarantee and a Charitable Trust.
Level and Nature of Interest	KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote. There are 9 Trustees. Liability will not exceed £10.
Directors on the Board	Mr S Manion – KCC Member
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	£9,389 – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£5,761 (excluding VAT) – room hire and training event costs.
2. Visit Kent Ltd	
Purpose of entity	To promote, market, advertise and develop nationally and internationally the tourist industry in the county of Kent and all the bodies, entities, persons associated and involved therein. Company Limited by Guarantee.
Level and Nature of Interest	KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote. Liability is limited to £1.
Directors on the Board	Mr M Dance – KCC Member resigned 5 November 2019 Mr J McInroy – KCC Member appointed 3 February

	<p>2020</p> <p>Mr D Hughes – KCC Officer resigned 15 May 2020</p> <p>KCC is entitled to two Board members so will have the opportunity to replace Mr Hughes..</p>
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	£12,268 – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£365,018 (excluding VAT) – Annual contract and match funding towards EXPERIENCE project. The annual contract is to help attract visitors to Kent and create job opportunities.
3. Locate in Kent Ltd	
Purpose of entity	<p>Locate in Kent offers confidential and free business investment and relocation services to international, UK and Kent-based companies looking to expand.</p> <p>Company Limited by Guarantee.</p>
Level and Nature of Interest	<p>KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote.</p> <p>Liability is limited to £1.</p>
Directors on the Board	<p>Mr M Dance – KCC Member resigned 1 January 2020</p> <p>Mr J McInroy – KCC Member appointed 13 January 2020</p>
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	£187,636 – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£810,687 (excluding VAT) – EU Funded: Inward Investment Contract

4. Trading Standards South East Ltd	
Purpose of entity	To provide advice to consumers in the south east of England. Company Limited by Guarantee.
Level and Nature of Interest	KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote. Liability is limited to £1.
Directors on the Board	Mrs S Harvey – KCC Officer resigned 8 October 2019 Mr M Norfolk – KCC Officer appointed 8 October 2019
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	(£37,437) – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£2,620 (excluding VAT) – Training fees.
5. East Kent Spatial Development Company	
Purpose of entity	A regeneration company specialising in the provision of utilities infrastructure to the business parks in East Kent. Company Limited by Guarantee.
Level and Nature of Interest	KCC is a Class A Member. Each Class A Member has one vote. Liability is limited to £1. Locate in Kent is also a Member which KCC has an interest in.
Directors on the Board	Mr M Dance – KCC Member resigned 18 February 2020 Mr M Whiting – KCC Member appointed 18 February 202
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	£424,011 – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	Nil

6. Produced in Kent	
Purpose of entity	To increase the public's awareness of produce which has been produced in Kent. Company Limited by Guarantee.
Level and Nature of Interest	KCC has joint voting rights with Hadlow College. Liability is limited to £1.
Directors on the Board	Mr S Holden – KCC Member resigned 9 December 2019 Mr J McInroy – KCC Member appointed 13 January 2020
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	(£10,345) – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£90,475 (excluding VAT) – contribution towards salary costs and EU funded: Taste of Kent Awards 2020.
7. TRICS Consortium Ltd	
Purpose of entity	Consortium of six County Councils owning and operating a transport trip rate database known as TRICS. Company Limited by Shares
Level and Nature of Interest	37,500 shares of total share capital of 225,000 (16.7% holding). One of six members with equal voting rights (one vote per member) Received a dividend £90,291.10 in 2019-20.
Directors on the Board	Mr M Hogben – KCC Officer
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	£633,456 – accounts as at 31 December 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£3,450 (excluding VAT) – Annual Licence

8. Kent PFI Holding Company 1 Ltd	
Purpose of entity	Kent PFI Holding Company 1 Ltd is a holding company for Kent PFI Company 1 Limited, a company whose activities include the provision of construction and maintenance services for three secondary schools for pupils across Kent;Thamesview School, Northfleet Technical College and St Johns Catholic Comprehensive School.
Level and Nature of Interest	As part of the Treasury Strategy to make investments in equity up to the value of £5m, KCC purchased shares in Kent PFI Holding Company 1 Ltd. At the end of 2014-15 KCC has 42% holding in the company. The investment structure is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,681,260.21 in loan notes • £2,113,808.91 in shares During 2019-20 KCC received £514,061.74 relating to dividends, interest and repayment of loan notes.
Directors on the Board	Mrs J Lee – KCC Officer Ms J Hansen – KCC Officer
Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)	£273,000 – accounts as at 31 March 2019
Payment during 2019-20	£10,800,814 (excluding VAT) – PFI costs

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Members are recommended to note the contents of this report for assurance.

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