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To: Governance and Audit Committee – 16 March 2023

Subject: Statutory Accounts for those companies in which KCC has an interest

Classification: Unrestricted

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

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## **For assurance**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference give the Governance and Audit Committee 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 filed accounts for these companies is included in an appendix to the report should the Members’ wish to review them. For most companies the accounts are for 2021-22. Produced in Kent Ltd and TRICS Consortium Ltd most recent accounts are 2020-21 and these are attached.
- 1.3 This report also includes an explanation of payments made by the Council to each 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 and none of the accounts give any reason for concern.

### **2. Entities in which KCC has an interest.**

- 2.1 Entities in which KCC has an interest are detailed below. The tables include payments made by KCC to the entities during 2021-22. The accounts for each of the companies have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## 1. Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust Ltd

<b>Purpose of entity</b>	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.
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote. There are 9 Trustees. Liability will not exceed £10.
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	S Manion – KCC Member.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	(£55,371) from 31 March 2022 accounts.
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	Nil.

## 2. Visit Kent Ltd

<b>Purpose of entity</b>	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.
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote.  Liability is limited to £1.
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	KCC is entitled to two Board members but currently has no Board members.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	£65,017 from 31 March 2022 accounts.

<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	<p>£628,929 (excluding VAT) – Annual contract and match funding towards EXPERIENCE project. The annual contract is to help attract visitors to Kent and create job opportunities.</p> <p>Visit Kent has a loan for £150k from KCC. This is to help address cashflow issues where upfront expenditure is incurred to secure funding opportunities.</p>

<b>3. Locate in Kent Ltd</b>	
<b>Purpose of entity</b>	<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>
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	<p>KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote.</p> <p>Liability is limited to £1.</p>
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	No KCC representatives.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	(£28,937) from 31 March 2022 accounts.
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	£919,567 (excluding VAT) – EU Funded: Inward Investment Contract.

<b>4. Trading Standards South-East Ltd</b>	
<b>Purpose of entity</b>	To provide advice to consumers in the southeast of England.

	Company Limited by Guarantee
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	KCC is a Member. Each Member has one vote. Liability is limited to £1.
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	J Whidett – KCC Officer appointed on 1 January 2021.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	£53,903 from 31 March 2022 accounts.
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	£70,383 (excluding VAT) – Training fees.

<b>5. East Kent Spatial Development Company</b>	
<b>Purpose of entity</b>	A regeneration company specialising in the provision of utilities infrastructure to the business parks in East Kent.  Company Limited by Guarantee.
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	KCC is a Class A Member. Each Class A Member has one vote.  Liability is limited to £1.
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	D Murphy – KCC Member appointed on 1 September 2021.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	(£64,556) from 31 March 2022 accounts.
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	Nil

<b>6. Produced in Kent</b>	
<b>Purpose of entity</b>	To increase the public's awareness of produce which has been produced in Kent. Company Limited by Guarantee.
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	KCC has joint voting rights with Hadlow College. Liability is limited to £1.
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	J McInroy – KCC Member appointed 13 January 2020.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	(£6,550) from 31 March 2021 accounts.
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	£49,701 (excluding VAT) – contribution towards salary costs and EU funded: Taste of Kent Awards 2020.

<b>7. TRICS Consortium Ltd</b>	
<b>Purpose of entity</b>	Consortium of six County Councils owning and operating a transport trip rate database known as TRICS. Company Limited by Shares
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	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 £96,179 in 2021-22.
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	M Hogben – KCC Officer.
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	£9,291 from 31 December 2021 accounts.
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	£3,450 (excluding VAT) – Annual Licence

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<b>8. Kent PFI Holding Company 1 Ltd</b>	
<b>Purpose of entity</b>	<p>Kent PFI Holding Company 1 Ltd is a holding company for Kent PFI Company 1 Limited, a company established for the construction and maintenance of three secondary schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thamesview School,</li> <li>• Northfleet Technical College and</li> <li>• St John's Catholic Comprehensive School.</li> </ul>
<b>Level and Nature of Interest</b>	<p>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. KCC has 42% holding in the company.</p> <p>The investment structure is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £2,681,260.21 in loan notes</li> <li>• £2,113,808.91 in shares</li> </ul> <p>KCC received £540,486.94 relating to dividends, interest, and repayment of loan notes for 21-22.</p>
<b>Directors on the Board</b>	<p>J Lee – KCC Officer J Hansen – KCC Officer</p>
<b>Profit or Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<p>£326,000 from accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022.</p>
<b>Payment during 2021-22</b>	<p>£11,382,864 (excluding VAT).</p>

### 3 RECOMMENDATION

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

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