LGA Group Financial Statements for the Year to 31 March 2021

Purpose of report

For decision.

Summary

The LGA’s consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 are included in the attached Report. They were reviewed by the Audit Committee on 8 June 2021 and approved by the LGA Board on 9 June 2021. They have received an unqualified (clean) audit opinion from the external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP.

The core financial results for the LGA remain in line with our long-term financial strategy and we continue to deliver excellent outcomes for the sector. Our investment in property assets is now substantially complete and are delivering additional income streams and improved capital asset values.

We continue to have healthy cash reserves. The approved budget for 2020/21 expected a replenishment of our Core Reserves for our business-as-usual activities, which we have achieved despite difficult conditions and having to revise our work programme and our ways of working towards remote delivery.

In the current year, book valuations under the accounting disclosure rules have worsened for both the two Pension Scheme deficits and the net building asset values. As a result, the consolidated financial statements show a headline operating loss of £8.823 million (2019/20 £56.679 million surplus driven by post-refurbishment property valuation increases).

Recommendation

That the General Assembly receives the LGA Group financial statements for the year to 31 March 2021

Contact officer: Jonathan Gratte

Position: Head of Strategic Finance

Phone no: 0207 187 7309

Email: jonathan.gratte@local.gov.uk