

Tyne Port Health Authority Report to the Joint Board Date: Tuesday 3 October 2017

Subject: Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017

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PART 1

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report will be to present the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 and the external auditor's certificate and opinion following conclusion of audit.

In order to meet publication deadlines it has not been possible at this stage to circulate the report. The external auditor has confirmed that their report is not yet complete but it will be made available prior to the meeting on the Joint Board.

1.2 Recommendation

The report will recommend that the Joint Board accepts and approves the external auditor's certificate and opinion following submission of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 relating to the Authority note and take action on any matters arising.

2.0 Information

The Tyne Port Health Authority is a "smaller authority" under The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 for the purposes of auditing of accounts.

At the meeting of 10 June 2016 the Joint Board resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statements, the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Internal Audit report which collectively formulated the Authority Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 under the Regulations.

The statutory Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been appropriately displayed at the premises of the host Authority North Tyneside Council following the completion of the audit.

3.0 Decision Options

The Joint Board will be requested, by the external auditor, to accept and approve the annual return.

This will be recommended to allow the Tyne Port Health Authority to comply with The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

4.0 Appendices:

There are no appendices to this holding report.

5.0 Contact Officers:

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6.0 Background Information:

The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the offices of the author of the report:

Tyne Port Health Authority Order 2010
Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Governance and Accountability for Local Councils, A Practitioners' Guide (England) 2014, JPAG

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

1.0 Finance and Other Resources:

There are no direct financial and resource implications relating to this report.

2.0 Legal

There are no direct legal implications relating to this report.

Consideration of this report and agreement with the recommendations will allow the Tyne Port Health Authority to comply with the requirements of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.