

The background of the slide features the Falkirk Council Coat of Arms. It is a shield divided vertically. The left half shows a sailing ship on wavy lines representing water. The right half shows a stag's head with antlers. Above the shield is a crown with four fleurs-de-lis. Below the shield is a ribbon with the motto 'A'NE FOR A'.

AGENDA ITEM

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**FALKIRK COUNCIL ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS 2015/16 AND FALKIRK
TEMPERANCE TRUST ACCOUNTS
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**Subject: FALKIRK COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16 AND FALKIRK
TEMPERANCE TRUST ACCOUNTS 2015/16**
Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date: 20 June 2016
Author: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & HOUSING SERVICES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 requires the Council to submit the Unaudited Annual Accounts of the Council and Falkirk Temperance Trust for the financial year ended 31 March 2016 to the Auditor by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2016. Under the regulations, a Committee of the local authority, whose remit includes audit and governance functions, must meet to consider the unaudited Annual Accounts.

2. 2015/16 ACCOUNTS

- 2.1 Officers have been working on preparing the Unaudited Accounts for the past few months and the closure of accounts process is proceeding in accordance with the project plan to allow them to be lodged with the Auditor by the due date of 30 June. The Unaudited Accounts will be posted on the Council's website on 20 June 2016.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that the statutory three week public inspection period will commence on 27 June following public notice on 9 June. The audit stage will commence formally at the beginning of July and is due to be completed by the end of September. Copies of the draft accounts are available from the Chief Finance Officer from 20 June.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members consider the Unaudited Annual Accounts to be passed to the Auditor by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2016.

Director of Corporate & Housing Services

Date: 08 June 2016

Ref: AAD200616 – Annual Accounts 2015/16

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. 2015/16 Unaudited Annual Report and Accounts for Falkirk Council and Falkirk Temperance Trust.