

Trust and Charities Committee – 31 July 2015

Title of paper:	BRIDGE ESTATE – 14/15 Draft Financial Statements		
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Geoff Walker Director of Strategic Finance	Wards affected:	All
Report author(s) and contact details:	Tom Straw, Finance Manager – Capital Email: thomas.straw@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Telephone: 0115 8763659		
Other colleagues who have provided input:			
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:			
Cutting unemployment by a quarter			<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour			<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City			<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre			<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down			<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events			<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities			<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
<p>The Bridge Estate is a registered charity and an Annual Report, including prescribed financial statements, are required by the Charities Commission. The City Council is the sole trustee for the Bridge Estate charity.</p> <p>This report, therefore, sets out the Bridge Estate draft financial position at 31st March 2015 and these accounts are now being independently audited. A further report will be brought back to this committee following the completion of this audit.</p>			
Recommendation(s):			
1	Committee to consider the report and financial statements and make notes or comments as appropriate.		

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a statutory requirement for all registered charities to produce an Annual Report, and for that report to be audited and submitted to the Charity Commission. The Bridge Estate submission for 2014/15 is required prior to 31 January 2016, following the final approval by the trustees.

2. BACKGROUND

The Bridge Estate Trust is a registered charity and the City Council is the sole Trustee. The members of the Trust and Charities Committee are appointed by the Council to fulfil the Trustee's responsibilities and must, therefore, ensure that appropriate accounting records and a system of internal financial control are maintained. The Committee is also responsible for ensuring that the annual report and financial statements give a true and fair view of the Bridge Estate's financial position, these having been prepared in accordance with the requirements of United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of this report is to provide the draft Annual Report and financial statements for 2014/15 and no other options are available.

4. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

The 2014/2015 draft Annual Report is included at **Appendix 1** and the key points are summarised below:

- Incoming Resources 2014/15: £2.037m (2013/14: £1.999m),
The largest in-year movement was an increase in rental income of £0.063m.
 - The surplus paid to Nottingham City Council 2014/15: £1.504m (2013/14: £1.440m)
- Resources Expended 2014/15: £1.958m (2013/14: £1.987m)
- Reserves
 - Unrestricted funds increased by £0.019m during 2014/15.
 - Endowment funds increased by £1.228m during 2014/15, largely reflecting the increase in the value of fixed assets.
- Fixed Assets total value 2014/15: £29.957m (2013/14: £28.906m)
This increase is primarily due to property revaluations, which increased the value of Investment Property by £1.051m.
- Current Assets 2014/15: £4.709m (2013/14: £4.193m)
The balance of cash held increased in 2014/15 by £3.095m and this was offset by a reduction in short-term debtors of £2.579m.
- Current Liabilities: 2014/15: £2.986m (2013/14: £2.470)
This movement arises as a result of a change in short-term creditors.

These movements combine to create an insignificant net movement in the Bridge Estate's Net Current Asset position.

5. **LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)**

None.

6. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

☒

No

☐

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

☐

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

7. **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Draft Financial Accounts

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- Accounts and Audit Regulations 2012
- Charities Act 2011
- The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008
- Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (the Charities SORP) issued in 1995 and revised October 2005