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Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board Agenda

Membership

Councillors:

Geraldine Stanford
Agatha Mary Akyigyina
Stan Anderson
David Williams
Dave Callaghan
Malcolm Brown
Stephen Fenwick
Peter Geiringer
Roger Thistle

Substitute Members:

Roger Roberts

Date: Friday 20 June 2014

Time: 14:00 (Annual inspection), 14:30 (Annual meeting)

Venue: The Chapel, Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery, Garth Road, Morden,

Surrey

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Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board Agenda 20 June 2014

- 1. Election of Chair for 2014-15 (Sutton)
- 2. Declarations of Pecuniary interest
- 3. Apologies for Absence
- 4. Election of vice-chair for 2014-15 (Merton)
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Note on declarations of interest

Members are advised to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared they should withdraw from the meeting room during the whole of the consideration of that mater and must not participate in any vote on that matter. If members consider they should not participate because of a non-pecuniary interest which may give rise to a perception of bias, they should declare this, .withdraw and not participate in consideration of the item. For further advice please speak with the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance.

Agenda Item 5

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MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD 12 FEBRUARY 2014

(14.00 - 15.00)

PRESENT

Councillors Councillor Geraldine Stanford (in the Chair), Councillor Agatha Mary Akyigyina, Councillor Stan Anderson, Councillor Margaret Brierly, Councillor David Williams, Brown and Thistle

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 1)

None were made

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

Councillors Dave Callaghan and Peter Geiringer sent apologies for absence

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2013 (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2013 are agreed as a correct record

4. BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 AND REVENUE ESTIMATES 2014/15 (Agenda Item 4)

The resolutions in the report were put to the meeting and voted on:

For the resolutions:

Councillors Agatha Akigyina, Stan Anderson, Margaret Brierly, Malcolm Brown, Geraldine Stanford, Roger Thistle and David Williams

Against the resolutions:

None

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the current budgetary position for 2013/14 based on the third quarters monitoring be noted.
- 2. The Revenue Estimates for 2014/15 as submitted be approved.
- 3. That the precepts for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 be set at zero.
- 4. That the Board agree to the following increases to fees in 2014/15:

Purchase of Graves/Interment in Common Graves 10%

Transfer of Ownership 10%

Interment Fees 5%

Cremations/Interment of Ashes 0%

Memorial Fees 0%

Planting and Upkeep 0%

Miscellaneous Fees (excluding Transfer of Ownership) 0%

- 5. That the scale of fees and charges detailed within Appendix E are approved.
- 6. That the Board establishes it's next meeting in June 2013 to ensure that information is despatched to Merton's External Auditors by 30th June 2014.
- 7. That the board note the impact of the Surrey County Council Actuarial Evaluation of Pension Contributions and costs.
- 8. That the Board adopt Merton's revised Risk Strategy with the "Service" ranking of risk impact and review and approve the Risk Register attached as Appendix I
- 5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda Item)

RESOLVED: That the public are excluded from the meeting for the following items of business for the reasons stated on the public agenda.

6. LAND HOLDINGS PROGRESS REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

RESOLVED:

- That the Board notes the position with regard to its land holdings.
- 2. That the Board authorises the completion of the Farm Business Tenancy in respect of Area C1.
- 3. That the Board endorses negotiations for a new lease of Area C on the basis of a three year term at an agreed annual fixed rent.
- 7. APPLICATION FOR ILL-HEALTH RETIREMENT APPEAL (Agenda Item 6)

RESOLVED: That the Board agrees to delegate the hearing of the appeal to Pension Manager of the London Borough of Merton

Committee: Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board

Date: 20 June 2014

Wards: All

Subject: Appointment of a Clerk to the Board

Lead officer: Chris Pedlow, Acting Clerk to the Board

Contact officer: chris.pedlow@merton.gov.uk

Recommendations:

A. That Chris Pedlow, Senior Democratic Services Officer, London Borough of Merton, is appointed as the with effect from 1 April 2014

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. To seek the Board's agreement to formally appoint Chris Pedlow as the clerk to the board.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The Board is required to appoint a clerk to the board and this appointment, together with all other senior officer appointments, has normally been made on the nomination of the Chief Financial Officer of the London Borough of Merton.
- 2.2. Chris Pedlow has been acting as the Board's Clerk since 1 April 2014, follow the resignation of the previous Clerk Colin Miller. It is therefore proposed to backdate the formal appointment to 1 April 2014.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. The Board can appoint any suitable person as its Clerk, appointing an officer from Democratic Services will ensure the officer has the appropriate skills and qualifications and enable the Boards required activities to dovetail with those of the Authority which are subject to audit and review to ensure their appropriateness.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. The Director of Corporate Services, London Borough of Merton, has been consulted and has made this nomination.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. The appointment will be backdated to 1 April 2014

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The budget for this post is included in the annual estimates of the board.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The Board is required to appoint a Clerk to the board

8 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.1. It is essential for the proper management of the Board that a suitably qualified and experienced person is appointed to this position.

Agenda Item 7

Committee: MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD

Date: 20 June 2014

Agenda item:

Wards: Borough Wide Merton and Sutton

Subject: ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/2014

Lead officer: Zoe Church

Lead member:

Key decision reference number:

Recommendations:

A. To appoint Littlejohn LLP as auditors of the Board to hold office until the conclusion of the next general Meeting at which accounts are laid before the board.

- B. To receive and approve the Draft Abstract of Accounts for 2013-14
- C. To approve the Annual Audit Return for 2013-14
- D. To review and amend the Risk Register attached as Appendix H
- E. That the board note the activity in Section 3 and endorse the commissioning of a rental opportunities report up to the value of £5,000 (excl. VAT)

1. Purpose of report and executive summary

1.1 This report presents MSJCB's Accounts for 2013-14 which comply with the CIPFA Accounting Code of Practice which is compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

2. Details

2.1 The statement of accounts for 2013-14 is attached to this report. It includes the details of actuals for 2012/2013 for comparison purposes. The accounts are subject to external audit. The Annual Governance Statement is contained in page 3 of Appendix E.

2.2 The principal under/over spending areas when compared to budget are as follows: -

<u>Item</u>	£	Reason
Income underachieved	7,330	
Employee expenditure	11,056	Slight overspends on all codes – agency staff cover required whist a vacant post was appointed to
Running expenses	15,421	Slight overspends on maintenance and equipment and depreciation higher than budgeted for.
Loan repayment	7,539	Variance to budgeted figure
Net over spend	41,345	

2.3 **Breakdown of Debtors/Pre Payments**

The table below provides a breakdown of debtors and pre payments as at $31^{\rm st}$ March 2014

Sundry Debtors/Prepayments

Rents Due not Received	2,529
Net Burial Income due Pre-Payment Service Plan - 2 years left to	15,534
run	1,880
Total Sundry Debtors/Prepayments	19,942

2.4 Breakdown of Sundry Creditors

The table below provides a breakdown of sundry creditors as at 31st March 2014

Sundry Creditors

Surrey County Council - Pension Management Fees 2012-14	9,463
Pick Everard - Cemetery Extension	4,541
London Borough of Sutton - Repayment of Loan and Interest	65,860
Prepayment of Graves Maintenance 2014/15	31,335
_	
Total Sundry Creditors	111,199

2.5 Fund balances and reserves

2.6 Members should note the overall level of the Common Fund Balance to be £319,082. A distribution to Constituent Boroughs for 2013-14 is not recommended due to proposed capital projects.

3. Update on Operational Activity

- 3.1 <u>Planning Permission</u> has now been obtained to erect a new single storey structure to provide an office and WCs replacing the existing waiting room. It is valid for 3 years. It is envisaged that the scheme will be progress during the financial year 2016/17 to enable reserves to build up to approximately £0.5million.
- 3.2 <u>Cemetery Van</u> the cemetery van is coming to the end of its useful life. A legislative change taking effect on 1st September 2015 will require that consideration is given to the use of a smaller van when replaced.
- 3.3 <u>Temporary Staff</u> temporary staff have been taken on for two months to cut the grass during its peak growing period. Permanent staff are unable to devote sufficient time to this activity.
- 3.4 Rental Opportunities based on discussions at the last meeting of the Board the Consultant Surveyor will be commissioning a report on rental options/potential of the Board's land. It is envisaged that this will cost no more that £5,000 (excluding VAT).

4. Alternative options

4.1 None for the purposes of this report

5. Consultation undertaken or proposed

5.1 None for the purposes of this report

6. Timetable

6.1 None for the purposes of this report

7. Financial, resource and property implications

7.1 As contained in the body of the report

8. Legal and statutory implications

8.1 None for the purposes of this report

9. Human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications

9.1 None for the purposes of this report

10. Risk management and health and safety implications

10.1 Attached as Appendix H

11. Appendices – the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report

A – Movement in Reserves
B – Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014
C – Income and Expenditure Account 2013-14
D – Cash Flow Statement
E – Copy of Annual Return 2013-14 to Auditors
F – Capital Accounts
G – Precept History
H – Risk Register

12. Background Papers – the following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report

12.1 Closing files, Budget files and Budgetary Control files in the Corporate Services Department

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- 14.1 Merton Council's Web site: http://www.merton.gov.uk
- 14.2 Readers should note the terms of the legal information (disclaimer) regarding information on Merton Council's and third party linked websites.
- 14.3 http://www.merton.gov.uk/legal.htm
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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2014

Treasurer of the Board

Merton Civic Centre London Road Morden Surrey SM4 5DX

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/2014

STATEMENT OF MAIN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1983. There was a change in the basis of accounting during 1995/96. In prior years accounts have been prepared on an income and expenditure basis. Since 1996/97, the accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. The Revenue Account therefore includes all sums due to the Board in respect of the financial year and all sums payable for work done or goods received during the year.

The accounts have been produced in accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice which is based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Capital expenditure defined as expenditure relating to assets in excess of £1,000. Capital expenditure is financed from the capital fund and loans, the redemption of which is provided for by the annual setting aside of sums in the Movement of Reserves Statement to repay the principal and the charging of interest on the loan in the revenue account.

A precept can be levied on the London Boroughs of Merton and Sutton to meet the net expenditure of the Board (after adjusting for contributions to or from balances held in the Board's Common Fund). No precept was levied in 2013-14. This is to be reviewed in the 2015-16 budget setting process.

AREA OF CEMETERY'S LAND

Areas	Narrative	Acres
N/A	Utilised for Burial Purposes	26.35
B, B1 & C	Let for stabling and grazing of horses at a rent of £75 per annum (plus share of profit once a threshold is reached)	24.74
C1	Grazing land taken back temporarily for regarding and consolidation (expected future rental £25.p.a.)	1.34
А	Let to Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames for school playing fields at a rent of £4,000 per annum.	2.64
CC	ARQIVA rent of £7,875 per annum (plus 25% site share)	0.03
Total		55.10

MSJCB Movement in Reserves Statement 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

Type of Funding		Usa	able		Unus	sable	Combined
Fund Narrative	Purchasing Graves Reserves Fund	Maintenance of Graves Fund	Common Fund	Capital Fund	Capital Adjustment Account	Revaluation Reserve Account	Total
Balance at 1 April 2012 b/fwd	(26,040)	(252)	(279,845)	(3,919)	(408,262)	0	(718,318)
(Surplus)/Deficit of the Year	0	0	(9,621)	0	0	0	(9,621)
Adjustments between statutuory A	l Accounting I	and Prope	r Accountii 	l ng Practice I			
Depreciation	0	0	(23,220)	0	23,220	0	0
Appropriations							
Provision for loan repayment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minimum Revenue Provision	0	0	23,220	0	(23,220)	0	0
Contibution to Capital Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Application of Money to Fund Capita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at 31 March 2013 c/fwd	(26,040)	(252)	(289,467)	(3,919)	(408,262)	0	(727,940)

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(Surplus)/Deficit of the Year			(29,615)				(29,615)
Adjustments between statutuory	Accounting	and Prope	ı r Accountii I	ng Practice			
Depreciation			(93,752)		93,752		0
Appropriations							
Provision for loan repayment			70,532		(70,532)		0
Minimum Revenue Provision			23,220		(23,220)		0
Contibution to Capital Fund							
Application of Money to Fund Capita	ıl						
Balance at 31 March 2013 c/fwd	(26,040)	(252)	(319,082)	(3,919)	(408,262)	0	(757,554)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2014

31st March 2013		31st Ma	rch 2014
	LONG TERM ASSETS		
1,995,979 136,223 <u>0</u>	Land and Building Vehicles, Plant Furniture & Equipment Long Term Debtors	1,921,245 117,204	
2,132,202	CURRENT ASSETS		2,038,450
249 920,059 0 (458,360) 461,948	Investment at cost Sundry Debtors / Prepayments Provision of Bad Debt Cash & Bank/(Overdraft)	249 19,942 0 502,909	523,101
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
102,871	Sundry Creditors	_	111,199
359,077	NET CURRENT ASSETS		411,902
881,664 881,664 11 1,763,340	LONG TERM LIABILITIES Loans from London Borough of Merton Loans from London Borough of Sutton Loans from the Public Works Loans Board	846,398 846,398 0	1,692,797
727,940	NET ASSETS	=	757,555
408,262	UNUSABLE RESERVES Capital Adjustment account		408,262
289,467 3,919	USABLE RESERVES Common Fund Capital Fund	319,082 3,919	
26,040 252	Purchasing Graves In Reserve Fund Graves maintained in perpetuity	26,040 252	349,293
727,940	TOTAL RESERVES	-	757,555

(0)		0
	Sundry Debtors/Prepayments	
881,664	London Borough of Sutton - Cemetery Extension	0
0	Rents Due not Received	2,529
35,575	Net Burial Income due	15,534
2,820	Pre Payment Service Plan - 2 years left to run	1,880
920,059	Total Sundry Debtors/Prepayments	19,942
	Sundry Creditors	
35,000	Browne Construction - Cemetery Extension	0
23,795	Moy Construction - Front Entrance/Bearer Beams	0
	Surrey County Council - Pension Management Fees 2012-14	9,463
	Pick Everard - Cemetery Extension	4,541
0	London Borough of Sutton - Repayment of Loan and Interest	65,860
30,658	Prepayment of Graves Maintenance 2014/15	31,335
13,418	Other	0
102,871	Total Sundry Creditors	111,199

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2014

Actual to date 2012/13 £		REVENUE ESTIMATE 2013/14 £	Actual to date 2013/14 £	Variance Act-Est	Variance Act-Act
	Employees				
70,653	Salaries	67,690	72,545	4,855	1,892
148,360	Wages	147,290	151,697	4,407	3,337
4,963	Pensions	5,060	5,854	794	891
0	Advertisements	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
223,976	•	220,040	231,096	11,056	7,120
	Running Expenses				
3.030	Maintenance - Buildings	4,930	5,935	1,005	2,904
	Maintenance - Mechanical	0	1,371	1,371	(1,867)
•	Maintenance - Electrical	1,040	108	(932)	103
	Maintenance - Grounds and Paths	6,090	14,220	8,130	6,862
,	Electricity	3,700	5,580	1,880	3,484
1,724	•	3,970	3,558	(412)	1,834
0	Cleaning Materials	320	0	(320)	0
	Rubbish Disposal	3,550	1,300	(2,250)	(5,738)
	Water	2,250	1,424	(826)	1,652
, ,	Rates	7,020	7,276	256	189
	Equipment	1,870	11,241	9,371	8,784
	Tools	160		(160)	0
2,200	Materials	3,880		(3,880)	(2,200)
0	Memorial Seats - Purchase	1,280		(1,280)	0
0	Laundry	100	52	(48)	52
257	Clothing and Uniforms	660	619	(41)	362
0	Car Allowances	0	188	188	188
552	Petrol and Oil	950	439	(511)	(113)
5,228	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles and	7,060	4,207	(2,853)	(1,021)
1,921	Printing and Stationery	1,550	690	(860)	(1,231)
0	Advertising	0		0	0
0	Postage	50		(50)	0
534	Telephones & IT	580	698	118	164
0	Training & Conference Expenses	560		(560)	0
1,691	Subscriptions	430	745	315	(946)
0	Software Licence	2,260		(2,260)	0
3,020	Insurance	3,070	3,070	0	50
57,740	Management and Administration Expens	57,740	57,740	0	0
0	Members Allowances	0		0	0
3,000	Audit Fee	2,710	2,430	(280)	(570)
0	Travel Expenses	60		(60)	0
0	Loss on Disposal	0		0	0
23,220	Depreciation	12,850	23,220	10,370	0
0	Provision for Bad Debt Page 1	6 0		0	0
133,168	-	130,690	146,111	15,421	12,943

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2014

Capital Debt Charges				
0 0 aprila 2 0 at 0 1 a 1 g 0 a	124,180	131,719	7,539	131,719
0 Operational Leasing	0	0	0	0
0 Other	0	0	0	(0)
0	124,180	131,719	7,539	131,719
Miscellaneous Expenses				
170,187 Concrete Headstone Bearers/Front Enti	ri O	0	0	(170,187)
12,071 Gate & Fencing Repairs	0	0	0	(12,071)
182,258	0	0	0	(182,258)
539,401 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	474,910	508,926	34,016	(30,476)
INCOME				
(445,156) Interment Fees	(482,850)	(450,897)	31,953	(5,741)
(31,909) Memorial Fees	(25,000)	(37,267)	(12,267)	(5,358)
0 Memorial Seats	(200)	0	200	0
(29,454) Maintenance of Graves	(12,000)	(30,234)	(18,234)	(781)
0 Grave Rights Transfer Fees	(12,000)	0	12,000	0
0 Telephone Coin Box	0		0	0
(14,558) Rents	(13,740)	(14,504)	(764)	55
0 Interest	(20)	0	20	0
(27,947) Miscellaneous Fees	(60)	(5,639)	(5,579)	22,308
0 Sponsorship/Commercial Options	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous (Use of balances)			0	0
(549,024) TOTAL INCOME	(545,870)	(538,540)	7,330	10,484
(9,622) NET EXPENDITURE/(INCOME)	(70,960)	(29,615)	41,345	(19,992)

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2014

(1) PURCHASING GRAVES IN RESERVE FUND

26,040	Balance Brought Forward	26,040
0	Add Surplus	0
26,040	:	26,040
	(2) COMMON FUND	
279,845	Balance Brought Forward	289,467
0 0 279,845	Contribution to - London Borough of Mer London Borough of Sutto	
23,220 0 0	Add Surplus (Deficit) for the year Transfer depreciation to capital adjustme Loss on Disposal Provision for Repayment of Loan Minimum Revenue Provision	29,615 ent account 23,220 70,532 (93,752)
	Contribution to Capital Fund Common Fund Balance	319,082
	(3) CAPITAL FUND	
0	Balance Brought Forward Add Loan from LBM Add Contribution from Common Fund Less Capital Investment Programme	3,919 0 0 0
3,919	Balance Carried Forward	3,919
319,426	TOTAL FUNDS AND BALANCES	349,041

MSJCB Cash Flow Statement 2012-13	£
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	(9,622)
Adjustment to the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services for non-cash movements	(23,220)
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	800,334
Net cashflows from Operating Activities	767,492
Investing activities	909,867
Financing activities	(1,577,312)
Net increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	100,047
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	358,314
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	458,360

MSJCB Cash Flow Statement 2013-14	£
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	(29,614)
Adjustment to the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services for non-cash movements	(93,752)
Adjustments for items included in the net surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	(908,446)
Net cashflows from Operating Activities	(1,031,812)
Investing activities	0
Financing activities	70,543
Net increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(961,269)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	458,360
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	(502,910)



Small Bodies in England Annual return for the financial year ended 31 March 2014

Small relevant bodies in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return in accordance with proper practices summarising their annual activities at the end of each financial year.

The annual return on pages 2 to 5 is made up of four sections:

- Sections 1 and 2 are completed by the person nominated by the body.
- Section 3 is completed by the external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission.
- Section 4 is completed by the body's internal audit provider.

Each body must approve this annual return no later than 30 June 2014.

Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Complete all sections highlighted in red. Do not leave any red box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns require additional external audit work and may incur additional costs.

Send the annual return, together with your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2014, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements and any additional information requested, to your external auditor by the due date.

Your external auditor will identify and ask for any additional documents needed for audit.

Therefore, unless requested, do not send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Audited and certified annual returns will be returned to the body for publication or public display of sections 1, 2 and 3. You must publish or display the audited annual return by 30 September 2014.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor or the Audit Commission directly for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guides for either local councils or internal drainage boards. These publications may be downloaded from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) or Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) websites (www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk) or from the members area of the Association of Drainage Authorities website (www.ada.org.uk).

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2013/14 for:

Enter name of reporting body here:

London Borough of Merton

	FM F	Year e	nding	Notes and guidance
		31 March 2013 £	31 March 2014 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
1	Balances brought forward	-341,459	358,828	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the body's financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2	(+) Income from local taxation and/or levy	0	0	Total amount of local tax and/or levy received or receivable in the year including funding from a sponsoring body.
3	(+) Total other receipts	2,126,347	538,540	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less income from taxation and/or levy (line 2). Include any grants received here
4	(-) Staff costs	223,976	231,096	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all body employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	11	131,728	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the body's borrowings (if any).
6	(-) All other payments	1,202,073	122,891	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7	(=) Balances carried forward	358,828	411,653	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
8	Total cash and short term investments	-458,360	502,909	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9	Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	2,132,451	2,038,699	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the body as at 31 March.
10	Total borrowings	1,763,340	1,692,797	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2014 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the body and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Z	Dowch	
Date	2315/14	

I confirm that approved by the	these accounting statements were he body on:
and recorded	as minute reference:
Signed by Cha accounting sta	air of meeting approving these atements:
Date	

Section 2 - Annual governance statement 2013/14

We acknowledge as the members of London Borough of Merton our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2014, that:

		Agreed -		'Yes'		
		Yes	No*	means that the body:		
1	We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	•	0	prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.		
2	We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	•	0	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.		
3	We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	•	0	has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.		
4	We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	•	0	during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the body's accounts.		
5	We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the body and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	•	0	considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.		
6	We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the body's accounting records and control systems.	•	0	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the body.		
7	We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	0	0	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.		
8	We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the body and where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	•	0	disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the yearend if relevant.		
Th	is annual governance statement is approved	Signe	d by:			
by the body and recorded as minute reference		Chair				
		dated				
dated		Signed by:				
			dated			

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the body will address the weaknesses identified.

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Section 3 - External auditor certificate and opinion 2013/14

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2014 of:

London Borough of Merton

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2014; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

External auditor report

the annual return is in accordance with prope	ne basis of our review, in our opinion the information in or practices and no matters have come to our attention tion and regulatory requirements have not been met.
(continue on a separate sheet if required)	
Other matters not affecting our opinion which	
(continue on a separate sheet if required)	
External auditor signature	
External auditor name	Date
you that they have carried out and completed a	appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to all the work that is required of them by law. For further on's publication entitled Statement of Responsibilities of

Section 4 - Annual internal audit report 2013/14 to

London Borough of Merton

The body's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the body's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the body.

		he followi	ng
	Yes	No*	Not co- vered**
A Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	•	0	0
The body's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	0	0	0
The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	•	0	0
The annual taxation or levy or funding requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	•	0	0
Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	•	0	0
Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	•	0	0
Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with body approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	•	0	0
Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	0	0	0
Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	•	0	0
Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and, where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	•	0	0
For any other risk areas identified by the body (list any other risk areas below or on separat adequate controls existed:	e sheets i	if needed)	
Name of person who carried out the internal audit:	Cull a CaDa	elon	باح ارد

*Note: If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

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Guidance notes on completing the 2013/14 annual return

- 1 You must apply proper practices for preparing this annual return. Proper practices are found in the Practitioners' Guides* which are updated from time to time and contain everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent audit. Both NALC and SLCC have helplines if you want to talk through any problem you may encounter.
- 2 Make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty red boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making any amendments to the completed return. But, if this is unavoidable, make sure the amendments are drawn to the attention of and approved by the body, properly initialled and an explanation is provided to the external auditor. Annual returns containing unapproved or unexplained amendments will be returned unaudited and may incur additional costs.
- 3 Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a member or the Chair, to review your annual return for completeness before sending it to the external auditor.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful. However, you must notify the external auditor of any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chair.
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your external auditor with the annual return covers all your bank accounts. If your body holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the Accounting statements. You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guides*.
- 6 Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 2. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include a complete analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the Practitioners' Guides* to assist you.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge.
- Make sure that your accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2012) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2014).
- 9 Do not complete section 3. The external auditor will complete it at the conclusion of their audit.

Completion ch	necklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Done?
Service Co. Co. Service 199, E. C. S. Malli Health South	All red boxes have been completed?	STATE OF
All sections	All information requested by the external auditor has been sent with this annual return? Please refer to your notice of audit.	SALANIA Light Salania Light Salania
	Approval by the body confirmed by signature of Chair of meeting approving the accounting statements?	
Section 1	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	C YU IS ON
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2014 agreed to Box 8?	
	An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	Mark The Control of t
Section 2	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	
Section 4	All red boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	

*Note: Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in England – A Practitioners' Guides, is available from NALC and SLCC representatives or Governance and Accountability for Internal Drainage Boards in England – A Practitioners' Guides, is available from the ADA at The Association of Drainage Authorities, 12 Cranes Drive, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 8AL or from the NALC, SLCC or ADA websites - see page 1 for addresses.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2013

Capital and Finance leases

There are no finance leases as at 31st march 2013 There are no capital leases as at 31st march 2013

			Depreciation at 31/03/2013	Disposals during year	Additions during year £	Valuation at 31/3/2013
	Land acquired from constituent					
	authorities -					
Nil	Carshalton UDC	22,220	0			22,220
Nil	Merton & Morden UDC	29,975	0			29,975
Nil	acquired from Merton & Morden UDC	18,621	0			18,621
40	Layout of new section	4,293	107			4,186
40	Superintendent's house & office	3,781	95			3,686
40	Waiting room and lavatories	6,630	166			6,464
40	Drawing room for works staff	204	5			199
40	Greenhouses	2,733	68			2,665
40	Chapel	12,080	302			11,778
40	Chapel heating	476	12			464
40	Layout of Roman Catholic section	860	22			839
10	Potting shed conversion	686	69			617
Nil	Cemetery extension	853,462	0		909,867	1,763,329
40	Mess room	3,861	97			3,765
40	Boundary Wally, Layout, Fencing & Elect. Works	130,433	3,261			127,172
7	Tractor	5,072	725			4,347
7	Grave Digger	40,532	5,790			34,742
7	Vehicle equipment & potting sheds	4,141	592			3,549
7	Ivenco Tipper Truck	13,031	1,862			11,169
5	Indexing & Digitization DB	22,788	4,558			18,230
5	Dumper Truck	11,850	2,370			9,480
20	Cemetery Grounds	17,539	877			16,662
20	Sub Transformer	35,672	1,784			33,888
10	Store shed	141	14			127
	Backlog Depreciation	0				0
10	Repairs to Service Yard & Storage	4,476	448			4,028
	TOTAL	1,245,555	23,220	0	909,867	2,132,202

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

Capital and Finance leases

There are no finance leases as at 31st march 2014 There are no capital leases as at 31st march 2014

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		Expenditure	Depreciation	Disposals	Additions	Valuation
			at 31/03/2014	during year	0,	at 31/3/2014
		£			£	£
	Land acquired from constituent					
	authorities -					
Nil	Carshalton UDC	22,220	0			22,220
Nil	Merton & Morden UDC	29,975	0			29,975
Nil	acquired from Merton & Morden UDC	18,621	0			18,621
40	Layout of new section	4,186	107			4,079
40	Superintendent's house & office	3,686	95			3,592
40	Waiting room and lavatories	6,464	166			6,298
40	Drawing room for works staff	199	5			194
40	Greenhouses	2,665	68			2,597
40	Chapel	11,778	302			11,476
40	Chapel heating	464	12			453
40	Layout of Roman Catholic section	839	22			817
10	Potting shed conversion	617	69			549
Nil	Cemetery extension	1,763,329	70,532			1,692,797
40	Mess room	3,765	97			3,668
40	Boundary Wally, Layout, Fencing & Elect. Works	127,172	3,261			123,911
7	Tractor	4,347	725			3,623
7	Grave Digger	34,742	5,790			28,951
7	Vehicle equipment & potting sheds	3,549	592			2,958
7	Ivenco Tipper Truck	11,169	1,862			9,308
5	Indexing & Digitization DB	18,230	4,558			13,673
5	Dumper Truck	9,480	2,370			7,110
20	Cemetery Grounds	16,662	877			15,785
20	Sub Transformer	33,888	1,784			32,105
10	Store shed	127	14			113
	Backlog Depreciation	26				0
10	Repairs to Service Yard & Storage	aye 400	448			3,581
	TOTAL	2,132,202	93,752	0	0	2,038,450

Year ended 31st March	Interments	Expenditure	Income (excluding precepts)	Net Expenditure/ (Income)	Precepts	Surplus / (Deficit) C/Fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
1948	170	8,000	1,266	6,734	8,243	1,31
1949	285	7,477	2,214	5,263	4,593	64
1950	377	8,803	3,476	5,327	5,747	1,06
1951	414	9,927	4,572	5,355	6,494	2,20
1952	373	10,422	3,931	6,491	4,411	12
1953	406	10,845	4,152	6,693	6,927	35
1954	364	10,305	5,032	5,273	7,531	2,61
1955	379	11,091	5,660	5,431	5,344	2,53
1956	417	12,915	6,297	6,618	6,626	2,53
1957	423	14,338	6,584	7,754	7,355	2,13
1958	396	15,237	7,482	7,755	7,413	1,79
1959	422	14,680	7,459	7,221	9,215	3,79
1960	374	17,225	7,123	10,102	8,903	2,59
1961	372	16,485	7,121	9,364	9,455	2,68
1962	379	17,968	8,226	9,742	10,462	3,40
1963	409	19,154	8,202	10,952	11,406	3,85
1964	333	18,636	8,150	10,486	10,956	4,32
1965	339	19,356	7,727	11,629	10,472	3,17
1966	410	21,488	9,539	11,949	12,971	4,19
1967	355	24,293	9,307	14,986	13,989	3,19
1968	375	26,500	9,322	17,178	18,346	4,36
1969	399	26,182	10,103	16,079	17,564	5,84
1970	411	25,878	10,191	15,687	17,983	8,14
1971	387	30,941	10,156	20,785	17,983	5,34
1972	397	33,707	15,173	18,534	26,228	13,03
1973	359	33,495	18,645	14,850	18,395	16,58
1974	346	37,703	15,871	21,832	20,104	14,85
1975	322	46,775	17,103	29,672	19,785	4,90
1976	323	57,495	24,559	32,936	35,180	7,21
1977	295	67,119	24,308	42,811	42,084	6,48
1978	313	67,444	25,799	41,645	36,636	1,42
1979 1980	301 325	75,975 91,654	28,991 34,860	46,984 56,794	53,581	8,07 11,43
1980	304	107,837	43,524	64,313	60,155 69,434	16,5
1982	304	117,461	48,842	68,619	69,784	17,7
1983	325	129,798	48,909	80,889	71,163	7,99
1984	303	137,921	51,307	86,614	80,920	2,29
1985	306	129,955	61,550	68,705	88,640	22,53
1986	311	134,485	66,690	67,795	80,560	35,29
1987	333	148,940	71,782	77,158	67,860	26,00
1988	320	146,533	75,728	70,805	73,442	28,63
1989	340	159,704	80,465	79,239	69,058	18,4
1990	327	162,053	88,208	73,845	75,565	20,1
1991	314	179,929	92,042	87,887	85,149	17,43
1992	343	188,624	110,025	78,599	68,365	7,20
1993	312	191,312	107,427	83,885	76,192	(48
1994	387	189,687	152,926	36,761	79,444	42,19
1995	379	231,725	167,181	64,544	79,444	36,20
1996	358	207,870	197,191	10,679	80,795	106,3
1997	348	198,678	204,958	(6,280)	40,000	152,65
1998	364	194,514	236,535	(42,021)	0	194,6
1999	356	211,242	244,542	(33,300)	0	227,9
2000	312	216,869	248,694	(31,825)	0	259,80
2001	314	230,329	255,315	(24,987)	0	284,7
2002	317	218,613	286,709	(68,096)	(194,064)	158,82
2003	320	260,664	302,866	(42,202)	0	201,0
2004	320	285,719	336,688	(50,970)	0	251,99
2005	302	291,487	351,113	(59,626)	(150,000)	161,62
2006	290	329,568	394,944	(65,376)	0	226,99
2007	290	357,500	374,118	(16,619)	0	243,6
2008	264	363,008	361,033	1,975	0	241,6
2009	267	503,040	447,967	55,073	0	186,5
2010	228	467,356	385,789	81,567	0	98,3
2011	243	347,679	402,080	(54,401)	0	139,90
2012	212	361,096	500,971	(139,876)	0	279,84
2012	224	539,401	549,024	(9,622)	0	289,46
2012	221	000,.01	, -	(-)/	0	,

Appendix I

MSJCB risk register - January 2014

Replacement of Beams part of a programme of works Currently stables occupy bulk of unused land & pay No Longer an issue -RECOMMEND REMOVE LBM will update plans as Comment regarding peppercorn rent and when any new pandemic arises Action Plan Comme (Y/N) / Review Rents reviewed regularly Pandemic (swine flu) plan Corporate ΑX ΑX Cllr Whitehead (S) Portfolio Holder Cllr Judge (M) Cllr Whitehead (S) Cllr Judge (M) Cllr Judge (M) Cllr Whitehead (S) Cllr Judge (M) MSJCB MSJCB Risk Owner MSJCB MSJCB of travel HS R E ~ Direction 1 1 \rightarrow Status G ⋖ ⋖ G Risk Score 4 9 9 က 4 Impact 3 Likelih 9 7 က Unable to deal with demand for graves & different burial procedures The bulk of MSJC Land rented out at a peppercom rent Graves being dug are collapsing, my have to suspend the service Consequences Injury or death High levels of rainfall have resulted in the ground being waterlogged ncrease in deaths due to pandemic Unable to maximise income through memorials, unmarked or sunken graves and delapidation of bear Death or Injury due to unsafe Cause beams. rents > ənssı > Risk Waterlogged Land Short Name Death or Injury from unsafe memorials Pandemic Income MSJCB8 MSJCB2 Risk No MSJCB3 MSJCB6

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Issue

Risk

Emerging risks