



Council
18 July 2017
Annual Report and Accounts

Classification	Public
Purpose	For decision
Issue	Approval and publication of the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year 2016-2017.
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the Audit Findings Report and the Letter of Representation to be signed by the Chair of Council.2. To approve the Annual Report and Accounts for signing by the Chair of Council.
Financial and resourcing implications	The Annual Report and Accounts will be typeset for publication on the website, but not produced as a printed document.
Equality and diversity implications	None arising
Communications implications	The Annual Report and Accounts are a public document and will be published on the GOsC website.
Annexes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Audit Findings ReportB. Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017C. Letter of representation
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Background

1. The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) publishes its accounts as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been audited and provides copies to the Privy Council to be laid before Parliament.
2. The financial audit was conducted for the first time by Crowe Clark Whitehill (CCW) in May 2017. Following the conclusion of the audit, CCW produced an Audit Findings Report (AFR) which highlighted the key issues affecting the results of the GOsC and the preparation of the financial statements.
3. The AFR was presented to the Audit Committee by Tim Redwood, Partner, on 20 June 2017 and is attached at Annex A.
4. The audited accounts are accompanied by an Annual Report setting out the activities of the GOsC over the previous twelve months. The Annual Report and Accounts are set out at Annex B and the letter of representation at Annex C.

Discussion

5. A summary of the issues considered by the Audit Committee in relation to the AFR are set out below:
 - a. The AFR provides assurance that the internal financial controls and operational processes continue to be robust.
 - b. The AFR provides assurance that matters raised by our previous auditors had been fully addressed.
 - c. The AFR highlights two very minor system and control points which the Executive are currently considering.
6. It was reported by the Audit Partner that the first year audit cycle had gone very smoothly and normally a first year audit identifies many more control points. That only two points had been identified was a reflection on the internal control framework already in operation.

Financial position summary

7. At the end of the financial year 2016-2017, the GOsC had a deficit after taxation and designated spending of £18k.
8. Council will recall in May 2017 that the oral financial report spoke of a small surplus before designated spending. The table below demonstrates to Council that this was delivered as reported.

Deficit per statement of income and retained earnings	(£18,831)
Designated spending	
- RQ accreditation	£25,000
- Development projects	£13,250
Surplus before designated spending	£19,419

9. As at 31 March 2017, the Balance Sheet, now known as the Statement of Financial Position, remains healthy with Total Reserves equal to £2.528m.
10. Cash in hand totals £210k; the portfolio investment totals £573k and the 120-day bond is equal to £570k.

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