

SUBJECT:	AUDITED / EXAMINED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 – CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS
MEETING:	Governance and Audit Committee
DATE:	11th January 2024
DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:	All

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the results of the external audit or examination of the statement of accounts for The Welsh Church Act Trust Fund and Independent Examination Report for The Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund for 2022/23, subsequent to the process undertaken by Audit Wales.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the audited 2022/23 statement of accounts for The Welsh Church Act Fund (**Appendix 1**) are approved in conjunction with the Audit Wales ISA260 Audit of Accounts report for The Welsh Church Act Fund.
- 2.2 That the independently examined financial statements for The Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund for 2022/23 (**Appendix 2**) are approved in conjunction with the Independent Examination Report for The Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Governance & Audit Committee received the draft 2022/23 statement of accounts for the trust funds at their meeting on 27th July 2023. The external audit process has subsequently taken place culminating in the attached audit report and examination report being presented, and audited statement of accounts being brought forward.
- 3.2 Governance and Audit Committee approval of the audited accounts for The Welsh Church Act Fund should follow the audit process, and under the current Charity Commission guidelines the accounts should be completed and filed with them by the 31st of January 2024.
- 3.3 Governance and Audit Committee approval of the final Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund accounts is undertaken alongside their presentation to the Trust Funds Management Board on the 26th of January 2024.
- 3.4 The audited statements have been produced within required timescales and as to enable the statements to be lodged with the relevant committees as required.

- 3.5 The meeting of the required deadlines has required a joint effort between the Trusts management and Audit Wales and management would like to acknowledge the professional and supportive approach in which Audit Wales undertake their audit.

Findings - The Welsh Church Act Trust Fund

- 3.6 The auditors intend to provide an unqualified audit report on The Welsh Church Act Trust Fund accounts for 2022/23.
- 3.7 No significant errors or areas of concern have been raised in the ISA 260 audit of accounts report, with minor amendments identified as shown below in **figure 1** and within the ISA 260 report itself. These have been adjusted for within the final audited statements shown at **Appendix 1**.

Figure 1 – Corrections and misstatements identified

Value of correction	Nature of correction	Reason for correction
Various	Some minor amendments were made to the financial statements relating to revisions to disclosures of information, narrative changes, casting errors or typos.	To ensure accuracy of the financial statements.

Findings - The Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund

- 3.8 The auditors intend to provide an unqualified examiners report on the Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund accounts for 2022/23.
- 3.9 No significant errors or areas of concern have been raised in the examiner’s report, with minor misstatements identified as part of the process adjusted for within the final statements shown at **Appendix 2** and as noted in the examiner’s report.

4. REASONS

- 4.1 To receive and approve the audit reports and final statement of accounts as presented enabling the lodging of the accounts with the relevant bodies within required timescales.

5. CONSULTEES

Head of Finance (Deputy Section 151 Officer)
Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1: The Welsh Church Act Fund audited statement of accounts 2022/23

Appendix 2: Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund final statement of accounts 2022/23

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