



## Report

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This report is: <b>For Information and approval</b>	Meeting Venue: <b>WMFRA</b>
This report is: <b>To support the implementation of the National Framework</b>	
Report Status: <b>2008/09 Accounts</b>	

Report Title:

### **2008/09 Accounts**

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**WMRMB Programme Board**

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Summary:

1. **2008/09 Short form Annual Return completed and audit finalised**

Recommendation(s):

**The Programme Board is requested to:**

- **Approve completed 2008/09 Short Form Annual Return**

For further information, please contact:

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## **1. Background Details:**

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Members will be aware that, your Treasurer finalised discussions during 2008 with the Audit Commission as to the need for and nature of the external audit required by statute of RMBs activities.

Given the unique nature of RMBs financial arrangements – i.e. it has no independent budget; spend; bank accounts etc. and is funded solely by balanced contribution for each FRA, the preparation of a normal set of accounts has no relevance.

The Audit Commission concluded in 2008 that our RMB falls under regulations covering “small bodies with no financial transactions” and as such, whilst we require external auditors to be appointed, this will involve “light touch” audit with no fee and Members may recall that for the financial years 2007/08 to 2010/11, Clement Keys, Birmingham have been appointed as our external auditors. Agreement was reached in 2008 with Clement Keys that the completion of a “Short Form Annual Return” together with formal public advertisement of that, satisfies the statutory audit needs and no further work will be required. A copy of the Return for 2008/09 is appended to this report for Members information, together with the advert that will be placed in the Birmingham Post following this meeting.

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## **2. Legal Implications:**

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There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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## **3. Financial Implications:**

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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## **4. Background Papers:**

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- Letter from Clement Keys – April 2009
- 2008/09 Short Form Annual Return

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## **5. Attachments:**

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The following document is appended:

- Copy of 2008/09 Short Form Annual Return
  - Copy of Advert
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**SHORT FORM ANNUAL RETURN FOR SMALL BODIES WITH NO FINANCIAL  
TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

**West Midlands Regional Management Board**

This body had no financial transactions during the above financial year. The balance in hand is  
£ nil

Please complete and return to:

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39/40 Calthorpe Road  
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Birmingham  
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Signed: [Signature] (Clerk or  
SUSAN PHELPS Chairman\*)

Date 20/7/09

Telephone Clerk Chairman  
Daytime: 0121 569 3195  
Evening:

## **PUBLIC / LEGAL NOTICES**

### ***West Midlands Regional Management Board Audit of Accounts 2008/2009***

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to Sections 14-16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003:

- (1) On application to the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3BS any persons interested may inspect and make copies of the Short Form Annual Return for small bodies with no financial transactions for the year ended 31 March 2009 relating to the West Midlands Regional Management Board for 20 working days from 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009.
- (2) Any Local Government elector for the area to which the accounts relate, or a representative may make objection to the returns as referred to in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) of Section 16 of the Audit Commission Act, 1998.
- (3) No objection may be made under paragraph (2) above by or on behalf of a Local Government elector unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made.
- (4) Correspondence to the Auditor should be addressed to: Mr A Robertson, Clement Keys, 39/40 Calthorpe Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 1TS.
- (5) The auditors have confirmed that no further audit work will be required for the WMRMB for 2008/09.
- (6) Further information on the activities of WMRMB together with the 2008/09 annual report can be found on the internet: [www.wmrmmb.co.uk](http://www.wmrmmb.co.uk)

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