

# Approval of Accounts

## Purpose

This report presents the Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough audited accounts 2022/23 for approval.

## Background and Key issues

1. The organisation's accounts for 2022/23 have been audited by Azets Audit Services and a final draft of the accounts have been circulated to the Board.
2. This is the first year Azets has conducted this audit. The support and information provided by the Office and Finance Manager, the administrative assistant and Healthwatch colleagues was commended.
3. After conducting the required tests and checks, Azets provided a clear and clean audit report and gave an unqualified opinion.
4. A Management letter outlining their findings was presented to the management team. This was scrutinised by the General Purposes Group at its meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, following a number of minor operational adjustments.
5. A series of recommendations concerning future accounting and reporting improvements, designed to assist the NEDs monitoring of the company's finances, will be implemented by the executive.

## Action required by the Board:

The General Purposes Group recommend the audit is approved by the full board and that the accounts are put forward to the AGM for adoption.

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