

Audit update

We have received an unmodified audit opinion on our Performance Report and have had copies printed for distribution at the AGM, scheduled for 24 July.

Moore Stephens have forwarded their draft report to the Board for my initial comment. This makes reference to just one matter, which relates to the reconciliation of the fixed assets summary contained in the Performance Report with the fixed asset register in Xero.

I have discussed this result with Daniel at Rightway who says he explained to Bruce McNiven, our former Audit Manager, why this is not possible due to a Xero software constraint affecting user ability to implement changes in valuation. Instead, Daniel has in recent years produced a detailed working paper in support of the fixed asset figures contained in the Performance Report, which Bruce has accepted.

Daniel took this matter up with Adrienne Dempsey, our current Audit Manager, with the intention of persuading her the reference should be removed from the report. Adrienne has responded that this matter was raised by the new audit partner and it would be preferable for the situation outlined by Daniel to be put on the record by way of comment in our response to the report as it stands.

Once received I will submit the final agreed report for consideration by the Audit & Risk Committee, who can then recommend to the Board the wording of the formal response to the Report.

Kevin Murphy
General Manager