

**Thames Gateway South Essex
Partnership Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)**

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 March 2011

Company Number 4429372



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**Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2011**

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Directors

Stephen Castle
Pamela Challis
Gary Sullivan
Terence Cutmore
Nigel Holdcroft
Tony Ball

Secretary and registered office

Craig Watts, Castle Point Council Offices, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF

Company number

4429372

Auditors

BDO LLP, 66 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SW

Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership Limited

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 March 2011

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011

Results

The income and expenditure account is set out on page 6 and shows the surplus for the year

Principal activities

The principal activities of the company are to promote the comprehensive regeneration of the region abutting the North bank of the River Thames comprised within the administrative areas of the Local Authority Members of the Company to

- improve skills and employment opportunities and promote a competitive business environment,
- secure leading edge infrastructure,
- secure investment and site development,
- create a high quality and sustainable urban and rural environment,
- improve the health and well-being of all communities throughout South Essex, and
- promote a high profile and positive image of Thames Gateway South Essex

Trading review and future developments

It has been another busy year for the Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership. The change of Government and challenging fiscal environment has brought new priorities and a reduction in public sector resources and delivery organisations.

The Partnership has worked on redefining the South Essex offer of adding £2.4 billion growth to the UK economy and focused on the priority areas of education and skills, placemaking, housing renewal and town centres, faster trains and easier journeys to work, uncongested Thames crossing and a business friendly public sector.

The Partnership has been well positioned to react to the localism agenda being itself local authority led and has strengthened links to the business sector with the establishment of the South Essex Business Alliance. This enabled the Partnership to contribute to the debate to establish Local Enterprise Partnership and take a place in the resulting arrangements of subsidiarity to the sub regions. The Partnership also took a leading role in establishing the Thames Gateway Strategic Group and providing supporting secretariat work to enable it to function.

A small financial surplus was achieved on the year, which has been added into the reserves. A balanced budget was in place for the 2011/12 year despite the loss of future EEDA funding.

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Report of the directors for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

Company limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and members' liability is limited to a guarantee of £1 each

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and were as follows -

Stephen Castle
Pamela Challis
Gary Sullivan
Terence Cutmore
Nigel Holdcroft
Paul Burall (resigned 31 March 2011)
Tony Ball

Internal financial control

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for internal financial control, which it exercises through an organisational structure with clearly defined levels of responsibility and authority and appropriate reporting procedures. This structure includes an Audit Committee, comprising three Non-Executive Directors, who on behalf of the Board review the effectiveness of the internal control environment.

An internal control framework can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The main features of the internal control framework established are:

- the communication of culture and values of the company through specific policies,
- clear definition of the functions and responsibilities of the Board and the various sub-committees and working groups of the Board of Directors,
- well-defined organisational structures with clear responsibilities and accountabilities,
- formalised corporate planning and business planning processes involving Board review and approval,
- investigate significant risks or exposures and evaluate the steps taken to minimise them,
- clear definition of authorisation procedures and delegated authority levels,
- the routine reporting and review of management accounts by the Board, including monitoring of actual results against budget and forecasts,
- review and approval of full year results by the Board, and
- publishing full year results

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Report of the directors for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

Corporate governance

The directors confirm that the company has voluntarily implemented, in so far as it is realistic and/or applicable to the Company, the Combined Code on the Financial Aspects of Corporate Governance

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Auditors

All of the current directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the company's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware

BDO LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting

In preparing the directors' report advantage has been taken of the small companies' exemption

On behalf of the Board



Gary Sullivan
Director

Date 14/12/2011

Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership Limited

Report of the independent auditors for the year ended 31 March 2011

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THAMES GATEWAY SOUTH ESSEX PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership Limited for the year ended 31 March 2011 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2011 and of its surplus for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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Report of the independent auditors for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the directors' report in accordance with the small companies' regime



Raymond Adams (senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
Chelmsford
United Kingdom
Date 15/12/11

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127)

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Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2011

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
Income	2	407,121	480,008
Direct expenses		52,869	109,154
		<u>354,252</u>	<u>370,854</u>
Administrative expenses		338,776	330,209
		<u>338,776</u>	<u>330,209</u>
Operating surplus	3	15,476	40,645
Interest receivable		226	362
		<u>226</u>	<u>362</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure before tax		15,702	41,007
Taxation	5	47	76
		<u>47</u>	<u>76</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure	9	15,655	40,931
		<u><u>15,655</u></u>	<u><u>40,931</u></u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities

All recognised gains and losses in the current and prior year are included in the income and expenditure account

There are no movements in accumulated funds apart from the surplus for the year

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements


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Balance sheet at 31 March 2011

<i>Company Number 4429372</i>			2011	2011	2010	2010
	Note		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	6			1,171		-
Current assets						
Debtors	7		24,120		55,283	
Cash at bank and in hand			311,870		131,975	
			335,990		187,258	
Creditors' amounts falling due within one year	8		197,352		63,104	
Net current assets				138,638		124,154
Total assets less current liabilities				139,809		124,154
Reserve						
Accumulated funds	9			139,809		124,154

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 14/12/11


Gary Sullivan
Director

14/12/2011

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

As required by Financial Reporting Standard 18 paragraph 21, the directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Company is no longer a going concern

The following principal accounting policies have been applied

Going concern

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The results shown in the financial statements have not been affected by not preparing the accounts on a going concern basis. All balance sheet assets have been recognised at their realisable value.

Income

Income represents contributions from partner organisations. Income is recognised in accordance with the period the contribution relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:

IT equipment	- 33% per annum
Office equipment, fixtures and fittings	- 33% per annum

Operating leases

Annual rentals under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pension costs

Staff employed by the company are eligible either to join the Essex County Council Pension Fund or to contribute to their own personal pension plan to which the company also contributes. Contributions to pension schemes are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they become payable.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

2 Income

Income is wholly attributable to the principal activity of the company and arises solely within the United Kingdom

Grant income is generally recognised in the same period as the related expenditure is incurred. Any deferred income is provided for in the balance sheet and released to the income and expenditure account over the expected utilisation period of the income.

3	Operating surplus	2011 £	2010 £
	This is arrived at after charging		
	Depreciation	586	1,472
	Auditors' remuneration	5,400	8,225
	Hire of property - operating leases	15,000	15,000
	Hire of other assets - operating leases	-	4,497
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4	Directors' remuneration	2011 £	2010 £
	Emoluments	30,000	30,000
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The number of executive directors with benefits accruing under defined benefit schemes at 31 March 2011 is Nil (2010 - Nil)

5	Taxation	2011 £	2010 £
	UK corporation tax	47	76
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It is understood that current HMRC opinion is that monies received from government sources are not subject to corporation tax unless utilised for independent trading purposes. On this basis the company's tax charge is calculated solely on investment income received gross.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

6 Tangible assets

	IT equipment £	Office equipment, fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>			
At 1 April 2010	11,573	40,011	51,584
Additions	1,757	-	1,757
Disposals	-	(9,595)	(9,595)
	<u>13,330</u>	<u>30,416</u>	<u>43,746</u>
At 31 March 2011	<u>13,330</u>	<u>30,416</u>	<u>43,746</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>			
At 1 April 2010	11,573	40,011	51,584
Provided for in the year	586	-	586
Disposals	-	(9,595)	(9,595)
	<u>12,159</u>	<u>30,416</u>	<u>42,575</u>
At 31 March 2011	<u>12,159</u>	<u>30,416</u>	<u>42,575</u>
<i>Net book value</i>			
At 31 March 2011	<u>1,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,171</u>
At 31 March 2010	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Debtors

	2011 £	2010 £
Trade debtors	5,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	19,120	55,283
	<u>24,120</u>	<u>55,283</u>
All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year		

8 Creditors. amounts falling due within one year

	2011 £	2010 £
Corporation tax	47	76
Accruals and deferred income	197,305	63,028
	<u>197,352</u>	<u>63,104</u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

9 Accumulated funds	£
At 1 April 2010	124,154
Surplus for the year	15,655
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At 31 March 2011	139,809
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10 Pensions

The company participates in a defined benefit scheme operated by Essex County Council. The contributions are determined by Watson Wyatt, independent qualified actuaries, on the basis of triennial valuations.

Although the Fund is a defined benefit scheme, because the company, as a Small Admission Body, is grouped together with other similar employers, it is not possible to separately identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities and it is therefore accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

Pension contributions charged during the year amounted to £22,198 (2010 - £21,150).

The most recent valuation took place at 31 March 2010 and has specified the employer rates applicable for the three years from 1 April 2011, these financial statements reflect the contributions set out by the 2007 valuation. The ongoing contribution rate for the company during the year ended 31 March 2011 was 12.3% of the employees' pensionable pay. The value of the scheme's assets at 31 March 2007 was sufficient to cover 79.6% of the benefits that had accrued to members. On the basis of the 2007 valuation, this deficiency should be eliminated over the average service life of members of 11 years. A sum of £22,198 was paid by the company during the year ended 31 March 2011 towards this deficiency (2010 - £21,150).

Any payments to meet unfunded benefits which are recharged to the company, or financial strain payments made by the company are in addition to the above.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (Continued)

11 Related party transactions

During the year the company received income from the following related parties,

	Income received from related parties	
	2011 £	2010 £
East of England Development Agency (EEDA)	79,121	150,000
Essex County Council	80,000	80,000
Basildon District Council	40,000	40,000
Castle Point Borough Council	40,000	40,000
Rochford District Council	20,000	20,000
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	60,000	60,000
Thurrock Council	60,000	60,000

The above parties are considered related to Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership Limited due to common control of the directors. Income from related parties consisted of subscription and grant income received during the year, £19,757 (2010 - £53,963) was outstanding from EEDA at the balance sheet date

12 Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 1, "Cash Flow Statements" (Revised 1996), not to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a "small" company under the Companies Act 2006

13 Post balance sheet events

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