

PQ03 Joanna Booth: Bristol Energy

1. Have the Audit Committee seen the expenses for Bristol Energy's directors and other staff?
2. Since the director's expenses are not in the Statement of Accounts that the council have published, how can members of the public see those expenses and question them?

Answer:

1. As far as we are aware Audit Committee has not seen details of Bristol Energy expenses. This information would be considered by Bristol Energy's auditors as part of their audit of Bristol Energy's annual accounts.
2. In the Senior Officers remuneration note in BCC's group accounts any expenses are included in "salaries, fees and allowances" and not shown separately. The disclosure note is shown differently in the individual company accounts, in that directors' remuneration is shown as a total cost and not split by employee. The difference in presentation is because we are required to present the information in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, whereas company accounts are prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102. Members of the public can see directors' total remuneration (including expenses) in Bristol Energy's accounts which are filed publicly at Companies House. If you would like to see further detail you could make a Freedom of Information request to Bristol Energy, which will hold this information.