

Report to: Audit and Governance Committee



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Statement of Accounts 2019/20 including Annual Governance Statement

Report summary:

The Council's Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 has now been audited and is available to the Audit & Governance Committee for approval.

A report is contained on the Agenda from the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton detailing the work carried out and audit conclusion.

Recommendation:

To adopt the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts and delegated authority is given to the Chair to sign when all matters concluded.

Reason for recommendation:

There is a legal requirement for the Council to approve the Council's Statement of Accounts, the Council has delegated this function to the Audit & Governance Committee.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergencies
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Sport
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implication arising from this report.

Legal implications:

The legal requirements for a statement of accounts is set out within the report otherwise there is nothing which requires comment.

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information The Committee were presented the draft Statement of Accounts and details of the amended regulation timetable -

1. [Report to Audit Governance September 2020 Draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20](#)
2. [Statement of Accounts 2019/20](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
 - Outstanding Homes and Communities
 - Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
 - Outstanding Council and Council Services
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Report in full

1. Approval of 2019/20 Statement of Accounts

- 1.1 A report to the September meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee presented the draft Statement of Accounts for members understanding and questioning.
- 1.2 The report also provided details of the amended regulation timetable for the 2019/20 financial year in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by delaying the statutory publication deadlines.
- 1.3 The audit is now complete subject to those points raised in Grant Thornton's audit findings report that is contained on the agenda for members' consideration.
- 1.4 The Accounts, which include the Annual Governance Statement, is appended to this report for members' consideration and approval.
- 1.5 The year-end financial outturn position for 2019/20 reported to Cabinet on the 8 October 2020 ([Link to Outturn report to Cabinet](#)) has not changed through the preparation and Audit of Accounts.