
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11

To: **Governance and Audit Committee – 10 August 2011**

Main Portfolio Area: **Corporate**

By: **Financial Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

Summary: This report presents the Statement of Accounts for 2010/11 as presented to the auditors for Members to scrutinise and note.

For noting

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the S151 Officer to sign and date the statement of accounts by 30 June, and certify that it presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council at the end of the year to which it relates and of the income and expenditure for that year. The Governance and Audit Committee must approve the accounts by 30 September. The accounts must also be published by this date.
- 1.2. Previously members were required to approve the accounts by 30 June, prior to the audit. This has now been moved to 30 September so that members can be made aware of the findings of the audit and hence make a better informed decision. A provisional set of accounts were presented to Members in June 2011 so that Members could have early sight of the draft outturn position. As the accounts were only available a few days prior to the meeting, it was agreed that a further meeting would be held so that Members could scrutinise the accounts having had a chance to look through them in more detail.
- 1.3 All notes have now been completed and a full set of accounts, as presented to the Audit Commission for auditing, are now attached to this report at **Annex 1** for Members' scrutiny.
- 1.4 The audited set of accounts will be presented to the Governance and Audit Committee in September for approval.

2.0 Statement of Accounts

- 2.1 The Statement of Accounts for 2010/11, as attached, have been prepared in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations and the Code of Practice and guidance issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).
- 2.2 The Statement of Accounts reports the final expenditure figures and income for the financial year 2010/11 and the financial position of the Council as at 31

March 2011.

2.4 The main documents within the Statement of Accounts are as follows:

Movement in Reserves Statement – this statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the authority and shows usable and unusable reserves. The ‘Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services’ line shows the true cost of providing the authority’s services.

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement – this statement shows the accounting cost of providing services in accordance with accepted practices rather than the amount to be funded by the taxpayer.

Balance Sheet – the balance sheet shows the value of the assets and liabilities of the authority. The total of the assets less liabilities is matched by the reserves (usable and unusable) that the authority holds.

Cash Flow Statement – this statement shows the changes in the authority’s cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period, and shows how the authority generated and used these, classifying cash flows as operating, investing or financing activities.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Finance

3.1.1 The financial implications for the Council are included in the Statement of Accounts.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 Although the Accounts and Audit Regulations require the Statement of Accounts to be approved by Members by 30 September 2011, it is considered prudent to make Members aware of the draft outturn position at the earliest opportunity.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 Under the Local Code of Corporate Governance accepted by Cabinet on 10 November 2004, the Council is committed to publish and make available reports that give an objective and understandable account of its activities, achievements, financial position and performance.

3.3.2 The accounts submitted for audit must be presented fairly and contain only a small number of non-trivial errors. They must also be subject to robust Member scrutiny prior to approval.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 There are no equity or equality issues arising from this report

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 **That Governance and Audit Committee note the draft Statement of Accounts for 2010/11.**

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Annex List

Annex 1	Statement of Accounts 2010/11
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
Financial Services' working papers	Financial Services

Corporate Consultation

Legal	N/A
Financial	Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager (Deputy Section 151 Officer)
Communications	Cheryl Pendry, Corporate Communications Officer