

Committee: Performance & Audit

Agenda Item

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Title: 2011/12 Draft Statement of Accounts

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Item for information

Summary

1. At its meeting on 27 September 2012, the Committee will be requested to approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2011/12, along with the External Auditor's Annual Governance Report.
2. To familiarise Members with the issues, the draft Statement of Accounts is presented to tonight's meeting. The draft Statement was published on 29 June and is consistent with the outturn results approved by Cabinet on 21 June.
3. At the meeting officers will draw Members' attention to the key issues in the accounts, and Members have an opportunity to ask questions. Officers shall also be pleased to meet with individual members separately to discuss the accounts.
4. Following last year's substantial reform of the accounts, including the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), there are no significant changes this year. Members' attention is drawn to the Explanatory Foreword (pp 2-12).
5. The external audit of the accounts is in progress and is scheduled to be complete by 14 September. As at 2 August the following are the early findings of the audit (all subject to confirmation):
 - No issues or adjustments that affect the Council's usable reserves or reported outturn position (this situation may change).
 - Errors in the way some of the movements in asset values have been recorded on the balance sheet (p18) and supporting note (p57) which means that the total assets value is likely to change in the final accounts.
 - A request from the auditors for more analysis of debtor and creditor values as at 31 March 2011.
 - Historic figures in the accounts relating to Council Tax and Business Rates that require additional explanation.
6. The final audited accounts, together with the external audit report of confirmed issues arising, will be presented to the Committee on 27 September.

Recommendations

7. The Committee is recommended to:
 - a. review the draft Statement of Accounts for 2011/12
 - b. note this report.

Financial Implications

8. No direct financial implications.

Background Papers

9. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

[2011/12 Outturn report](#) to Cabinet 21 June 2012, item 8.

[2011/12 Draft Statement of Accounts.](#)

CIPFA accounting guidance

Impact

Communication/Consultation	No direct implications
Community Safety	No direct implications
Equalities	No direct implications
Health and Safety	No direct implications
Human Rights/Legal Implications	No direct implications
Sustainability	No direct implications
Ward-specific impacts	No direct implications
Workforce/Workplace	No direct implications

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The auditor is unable to issue an unqualified opinion on the accounts due to unresolved errors and delays completing the audit.	1	3	Continuous liaison with the Council's External to identify areas of concern early and remedy the issues effectively.