

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 - OUTCOME OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

Audit Committee - 25 January 2022

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance and Trading

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: The report set out the external audit findings of the 2020/21 financial statements

This report supports the Key Aim of: effective management of the Council's resources.

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Recommendation to Audit Committee: That

- (a) the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 be approved and signed (Appendix D). Appendix to Follow
- (b) the letter of representation (Appendix B) be approved and signed. Appendix to follow

Reason for recommendation:

It is a legal requirement under regulation 10 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 for the audit committee to review and approve the Statement of Accounts.

Introduction and Background

- 1 A draft statement of accounts was reviewed by a working group from the Audit Committee on 25 August 2021.
- 2 Grant Thornton began the external audit of the accounts on 12 July 2021 and it has continued to progress.
- 3 At the deadline for the Audit Committee the audit has not been completed and the Audit Findings report is still to be issued by the auditors.
- 4 It is anticipated that the appendices listed below will be issued before the committee with a full detailed Audit Outcome report.

Appendices - To Follow

Appendix A - Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report 2020/21

Appendix B - Letter of Representation

Appendix C - Minutes from the Member Working Group

Appendix D - Audited Statement of Accounts 2020/21

Background Papers

None

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