

Audit Committee – 25 April 2012

7. Accounting Policies for 2012/13 Statement of Accounts

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Purpose of the Report

To request that members of the Audit Committee approve the Accounting Policies for 2012/13 so that the Statement of Accounts 2012/13 can be prepared on this bases.

Recommendations

That members approve the Accounting Policies, paying particular attention to the key accounting policy change relating to heritage assets.

Background

It is a statutory requirement for all local authorities to produce financial statements that are compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In order to prepare IFRS compliant accounts for 2012/13, the Council needs to revise its accounting policies.

The proposed Accounting Policies are attached in Appendix 1.

Key Accounting Policy Changes

There are no new accounting policies for 2012/13.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in accepting this report and the associated recommendations. There is no requirement for valuations for Heritage Assets to be verified by external valuers. Where the cost of obtaining valuation information is not commensurate with the benefits, the Council will not recognise these assets in the Balance Sheet.

Background Papers: *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2012/13: Guidance Notes for Practitioners*
Audit Committee – 27th January 2011 - Preparation of 2010/11 Statement of Accounts and IFRS
Statement of Accounts 2011/12
