

Statement of Accounts 2020/21

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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the final documents in respect of 2020/21 Statement of Accounts to Audit Committee for information.

Forward Plan

2. This report did not appear on the Audit Committee Forward Plan and is an additional report following the outcome of the statement of accounts agenda item on the 15 December 2022 meeting.

Public Interest

3. As a local authority SSSC is required to demonstrate compliance with the underlying principles of good governance and that a framework exists to demonstrate this. By preparing and publishing the annual Statement of Accounts the Council achieves the objective of accountability.

Recommendations

4. That Audit Committee note the content of the documents detailed below, which are provided for information at the conclusion of the 2020/21 audit of accounts:
 - Signed Group Audit Opinion;
 - Audit Findings Report;
 - Auditor's Annual Report;
 - Letter of Representation;
 - Financial Statements Publication Letter.

Background

5. At the meeting on 15 December 2022, the audit committee authorised the Chair of Audit Committee and the S151 Officer to approve adjustments to the statement of accounts if the audit of accounts was not completed at the date of the meeting.
6. The committee also authorised delegation to the Chair of Audit Committee and the S151 Officer in respect of the signing of the Letter of Representation in the event that the audit work has not been completed by the date of the meeting.

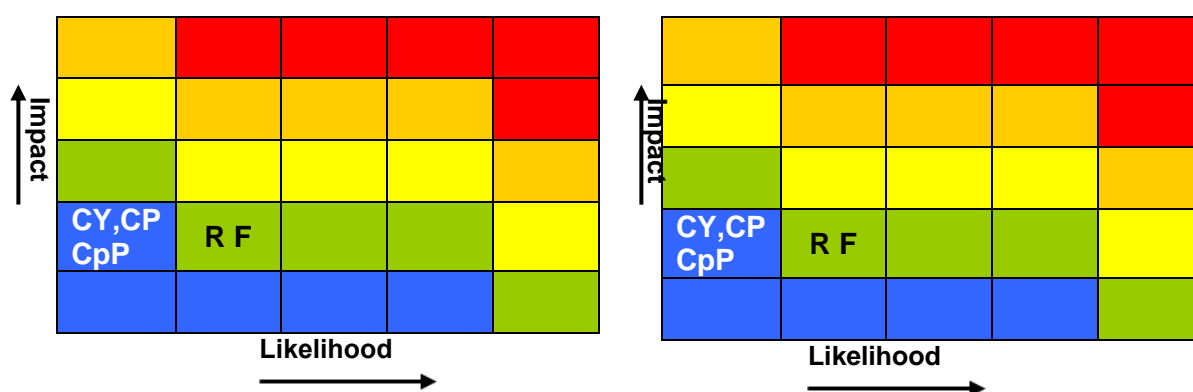
7. There were a small number of queries outstanding at the meeting, which have subsequently been resolved and the Chair of Audit Committee and the S151 Officer used the delegated authority as approved at the meeting on 15 December to sign the letter of representation and the finalised statement of accounts on the 23 December 2022.
8. As delegation was used and the final documents were not able to be provided until the statement of accounts has been signed, the various documents detailed in the recommendations are provided to the committee for information.

Financial Implications

9. There are no financial implications associated with these recommendations.

Risk Matrix

Risk Profile before officer recommendations **Risk Profile after officer recommendations**



Key

Categories	Colours (for further detail please refer to Risk management strategy)
R = Reputation	Red = High impact and high probability
CpP = Corporate Plan Priorities	Orange = Major impact and major probability
CP = Community Priorities	Yellow = Moderate impact and moderate probability
CY = Capacity	Green = Minor impact and minor probability
F = Financial	Blue = Insignificant impact and insignificant probability

Council Plan Implications

10. The Statement of Accounts are closely linked to the Council Plan, and maintaining financial resilience and effective resource planning is important to enable the council to continue to fund its priorities for the local community.



Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

11. There are no carbon emissions or climate change implications in this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

12. There are no equality or diversity implications

Privacy Impact Assessment

13. There is no personal information included in this report.

Background Papers

14. None
