



Report to Audit and Governance Committee

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Title: Statement of Accounts Update

Relevant councillor(s): N/A

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Ward(s) affected: Not applicable

Recommendations:

- (i) The Committee are requested to note the update on 2020/21 and 2021/22 Statement of Accounts at paragraphs 1.3 to 1.5 and 1.6 respectively.
- (ii) Consider the management response to the auditors on Audit Risk Assessment attached at Appendix A and make any comments.

Reason for decision: Not applicable

Executive summary

1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts and 2021/22 Statement of Accounts.

1.2 Provides an opportunity to the Committee to consider and make comments on the management response to the Audit Risk Assessment attached at Appendix A.

2020/21 Statement of Accounts Update

1.3 The revised reconciled and completed Statement of Accounts were submitted to the auditors on 23rd September 2022. Due to reduction in Gross Expenditure on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account (CIES) the audit materiality has decreased which has resulted into additional sample testing.

1.4 The external auditors have resumed their audit from 1st November 2022. Officers are working to resolve the audit queries promptly along with regular bi-weekly meetings with auditors to monitor the progress.

1.5 Due to additional sampling, it is anticipated that the audit will be completed in January 2023 and will be presented to the Audit Committee for approval at its February meeting.

2021/22 Statement of Accounts Update

1.6 Work continues to progress on 2021/22 Accounts draft accounts ensuring all the issues raised by the auditor on 2020/21 accounts are addressed. However, the accounts will not be finalised until the audit for 2020/21 is completed as this could potentially have an impact on the opening figures.

Audit Risk Assessment Report

1.7 The purpose of this report is to contribute toward the effective two-way communication between the auditor and the Audit and Governance Committee to ensure compliance with the International Standards on Auditing.

1.8 The report covers areas of auditor risk assessment along with management response. Consideration of management response by the Committee will aid in fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to the financial reporting process.

1.9 The report is attached at Appendix A

Other options considered

1.10 Not applicable

Legal and financial implications

1.11 Not directly related to this report.

Corporate implications

1.12 Not applicable

Consultation and communication

1.13 Not applicable

Next steps and review

1.14 Not applicable



Background papers

1.15 Not applicable

