Statement of Accounts 2013/14 (Draft subject to Audit)

Audit Committee 16th July 2014



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Purpose and Background

- » To provide clear information to all interested parties about the Council's finances.
- » Information includes:
 - » Costs of providing services in the year of account
 - » How those costs have been funded
 - » Assets and Liabilities at year end
- » Prescribed format and style to enable comparisons with other Local Authorities and other organisations.
 - » Aimed at 'the Reader'



Key Dates

» 30th June Produce draft statement

» 1st July External Audit commenced

» 16th July Initial Audit Committee consideration

(approval at this stage not required)

» 31st July – 28th Accounts available for public inspection

August

30th Sept

» Aug / Sept Further Member consideration

» 24th Sept AM Audit Committee

- Final Statement of Accounts

- WAO ISA 260 report

» 24th Sept PM Council for approval

Publish approved Statement



Responsibility

- » Statement does not belong to Finance
- » Corporate document "owned' by every Member and Officer of the Council
- » Statement of Responsibilities
 - » Authority
 - » Chief Finance Officer
- » Statement of Accounts is signed by:
 - » Chair of the Council
 - » Chief Finance Officer



Changes in 2013/14

- » Changes made to Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting 2013/14
 - » Post employment benefits. Adoption of June 2011 changes to IAS 19 – Note 44 (page 90).
- » Changes made by Finance Department
 - » Enhanced Accounting Policies (pages 32 48)
 - » Re-ordered Core Notes (pages 49 − 96)
 - » Notes directly linked to primary statements
 - » Notes of particular interest to readers
 - » Technical Notes
 - » Review of Core Notes to ensure Code compliance
 - » ST Debtors & Creditors (pages 60 61)
 - » Grant Income Note 18 (page 61)



Contents and Overview

- » Explanatory Foreword (Pages 20 24)
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- » Annual Governance Statement (Pages 131 151)



Links to Budget Monitoring

» Statement of Accounts

- » Financial Accounting
- » Externally focused reporting
- » Style reflective of the Code of Practice, Regulations, and Accounting Standards.

» Budget Monitoring

- » Management Accounting
- » Internally focused reporting on performance against budget
- » Style reflects the Council's reporting needs locally determined



Headlines – Council Fund

- » Net expenditure of £257.793m
- » Budget £259.752m
- » Spend less than budget by £1.959m
- » Increased to £3.387m by Council Tax income being higher than budgeted
- » Variance 1.30% of budgeted expenditure



Headlines – Reserves at Year End

	£m 2013/14	£m 2012/13
	2020/21	
Council Fund (Unearmarked)		
Balance	11.161	9.270
Earmarked Reserves	41.461	41.438
Schools	3.261	3.097
Total	55.883	53.805



Headlines - Capital

	£m	£m	£m	%
			Over /	Dudgetu
	Budget	Outturn	(Under) Spend	Budget v Outturn
Council Fund	27.005	25.101	(1.904)	92.95%
HRA	12.874	12.874	0	100%
Total	39.879	37.975	(1.904)	95.23%



Headlines - HRA

» Annual budget	£28.259m
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- » Spend below budget £0.229m
- » % of budgeted expenditure 0.81%
- Closing balance as at 31.3.2014 £1.662m
- » % of revised budgeted expenditure 5.81%



Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES Page 28)

- » Shows the cost in year of providing services and how those costs have been funded.
- » Accounting cost in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.
- » Regulations stipulate what expenditure is funded from local taxation which differs to the accounting cost.
- » Note 5 (Pages 52 54) reconciles the differences.
- » Note 38 (Pages 80 83) explains how figures reported in the CIES reconciles to those reported in the Final Outturn



Movement In Reserves Statement (Pages 26-27)

- » Analysed into 'usable' and other 'unusable' reserves
 - "usable" can be applied to provide services or reduce local taxation, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on use. Includes capital and revenue reserves.
 - » 'unusable' reserves hold; unrealised gains and losses, or timing differences.
- » Links with figures in Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet.



Balance Sheet (Pages 29 – 30)

» Shows the value as at 31st March of the assets and liabilities held by the Authority

» Net assets matched by total reserves

	£m	£m
Non-Current Assets		765
Current Assets		87
Total Assets	852	
Current Liabilities		(40)
Non-Current Liabilities		(451)
Total Liabilities	(491)	
Net Assets	361	
Funded by:		
Usable Reserves		64
Unusable Reserves		297
Total Reserves	361	



Cash Flow Statement (Page 31)

- » Reports changes in cash and cash equivalents over the year
- » Shows how cash and cash equivalents have been generated and used by classifying cash flows into 3 categories:
 - » Operating activities
 - » Investing activities
 - » Financing activities



Next Steps

- » WAO's audit of the Statement continues
- » Approval of final statement & recommendation to Council on 24th September
- » Publish by 30th September
- » In the meantime....
 - » Further information?
 - » Queries / Questions?
 - Member sessions with Finance Officers
 9th Sept 2014 10am, Management Suite, Phase 1, 2nd Floor
 4pm, Management Suite, Phase 1, 2nd Floor

