

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

DATE: **TUESDAY, 17 JULY 2012**

REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE**

SUBJECT: **DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To present the Statement of Accounts 2011/12 (subject to audit) for Members' information only at this stage.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (Regulation 11) specify the statutory deadline for the approval of the accounts, being 30th September.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

Audit Requirements

3.01 The audit must be completed and the Statement of Accounts approved and published by no later than 30th September 2012. At the completion of the audit, Wales Audit Office (WAO) will provide a report and opinion on the accounts. Any required adjustments to the accounts as a result of the audit will be incorporated into the final Statement of Accounts. The final Statement will be presented to Audit Committee on the morning of 25th September 2012, and recommended to Council on the afternoon of the same day.

3.02 Arrangements will be made for Members to attend drop in sessions over the summer period (subject to discussion at Audit Committee), in order to obtain any further required information regarding the draft accounts, or to raise questions prior to consideration of the final position at the end of September.

Accounting Policies

3.03 The Flintshire County Council accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 2011/12 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting - Based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

- 3.04 The Clwyd Pension Fund accounts have also been prepared to meet the requirements of the 2011/12 Code of Practice, which complies in principle with the main recommendations of 'Financial Reports of Pension Schemes' issued by the Pensions Research Accountants Group (PRAG), with some revisions in the disclosure requirements.
- 3.05 The 2011/12 Code has prompted some changes in the accounting policies of the Council, including those relating to the carbon reduction commitment scheme, component accounting and heritage assets. There have been no changes in the adopted estimation techniques and no material and unusual charges or credits are included within the accounts.

Information Included in the Statement of Accounts

- 3.06 The statements included are :-
- The core financial statements comprising of – the movement in reserves statement, the comprehensive income and expenditure statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement.
 - The supplementary financial statements – the housing revenue account income and expenditure statement.
 - The pension fund accounts.

Annual Governance Statement

- 3.07 The draft accounts also include the Annual Governance Statement which explains how the Council has complied with the Code and also meets the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2010. A separate report on this agenda provides more detail.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 Members are requested to note -
- (a) the draft Statement of Accounts 2011/12 (including the Annual Governance Statement), together with the underlying policies.
 - (b) the planned provision of drop in sessions over the summer period, subject to Members' consideration at Audit Committee.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 As set out in the report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 None.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Statement of Accounts 2011/12

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

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