

Agenda Item No:

Report to Audit Committee
23 September 2014
Report of Chief Finance Officer
Subject Statement of Accounts 2012/13

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Purpose

This report presents the formal audited Statement of Accounts, to be authorised by the Audit Committee and the Chief Finance Officer by the statutory deadline of 30 September 2013.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to authorise the Chairman to sign the 2013/14 Statement of Accounts on its behalf.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the council priority to provide value for money services

Financial implications

The report has no direct financial consequences however it does report on the performance of the council and the provision of value for money services

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Background documents

None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The unaudited draft statement of accounts was authorised by the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) on 30 June 2014. It is a requirement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 that the CFO authorises the draft statement of accounts by 30 June each year. There is no requirement for the committee to approve the draft financial statements however the unaudited accounts were presented to the audit committee on 22 July 2014 for review.
- 1.2 This version of the statement of accounts has been audited and amended/adjusted in line with audit findings.

2. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2.1 Presentation

- 2.1.1 The statement of accounts is attached at Appendix 3. Its format is required to follow the Code of Practice (CoP) on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)), and includes a full balance sheet and statement of cash flow movements.
- 2.1.2 Compared with 2012, the CoP 2014 has introduced few additional accounting requirements and changes.
- 2.1.3 The classification of services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement does not align with internal management arrangements and officer structures, and therefore our management accounts. The statement of accounts have to conform instead to the service classification required by CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP). Some information is however readily recognisable from the normal management accounts reported to Cabinet. Nevertheless both sets of accounts reconcile to each other and it is the statement of accounts on which the audit opinion is given. A reconciliation showing how the overall results within the Statement of Accounts differ from that reported within the budget monitoring outturn report is provided in Note 31 of the statement of accounts.

2.2 Review – Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

- 2.2.1 A summary of changes from 2012-13 to 2013-14 and between the version signed on 30 June 2014 was included in the covering report for audit committee on 22 July 2014
- 2.2.2 See appendix 1 for a summary of changes from the draft version signed on 30 June 2014 and the audited ones now presented
- 2.2.3 Local Authority Housing HRA decrease in costs of £0.162m relates to the correction of an IFRS adjustment which should have impacted Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure where it is now reflected

2.2.4 Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure increase in costs as described above less a minor movement of costs relating to the cattle market from here to Other Operating Expenditure of £0.01m

2.3 Review – Balance Sheet

2.3.1 A summary of changes from 2012-13 to 2013-14 and between the version signed on 30 June 2014 was included in the covering report for audit committee on 22 July 2014

2.3.2 See appendix 2 for a summary of changes from the draft version signed on 30 June 2014 and the audited ones now presented

2.3.3 Short term debtors has decreased by £0.445m and short term creditors has decreased due to the correction of the accounting treatment of an accrual of a credit note in the council's favour

Source Documents	Location
CIPFA Accounting Code of Practice 2013/14. Statement of Accounts 2012/13. Statement of Accounts 2013/14 Statement of Accounts working papers. Outturn for 2013/14	Room 407 City Hall, Norwich

Appendix 1: Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement Changes

	Draft 2013-14 £000	Audited 2013-14 £000	Change £000	Change %	Ref
Central services to the public	3,756	3,756	-	-	
Culture and related services	10,426	10,426	-	-	
Environment and regulatory services	7,953	7,953	-	-	
Planning services	2,569	2,569	-	-	
Highways and transport services	(2,750)	(2,750)	-	-	
Local Authority housing - HRA	(34,857)	(35,019)	(162)	(0.46)%	2.2.3
Other Housing Services	3,965	3,965	-	0%	
Corporate and democratic core	1,322	1,322	-	0%	
Non distributed costs	144	144	-	0%	
Cost Of Services	(7,472)	(7,634)	162		
Other Operating Expenditure	1,357	1,368	11	(0.8)%	2.2.4
Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure	13,470	13,621	151	(1.11)%	2.2.3
Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income	(27,844)	(27,844)	-	-	
(Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services	(20,489)	(20,489)	-		
(Surplus) or deficit on revaluation of fixed assets	(2,036)	(2,036)	-	-	
Actuarial (gains) / losses on pension assets / liabilities	(5,702)	(5,702)	-	-	
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	(7,738)	(7,738)	-		
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	(25,227)	(25,227)	-		

Appendix 2: Balance Sheet Changes

	Draft at 31 March 2014 £000	Audited at 31 March 2014 £000	Change £000	Change %	Ref
Property, Plant & Equipment	764,048	764,048	-	-	
Heritage assets	20,643	20,643	-	-	
Investment properties	35,549	35,549	-	-	
Intangible Assets	910	910	-	-	
Long Term Investments	3,843	3,843	-	-	
Long Term Debtors	9,153	9,153	-	-	
Long Term Assets	834,146	834,146	-		
Short Term Investments	42,430	42,430	-	-	
Assets Held for Sale	1,392	1,392	-	-	
Inventories	23	23	-	-	
Short Term Debtors	10,677	10,232	(445)	4.35%	2.3.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	20,016	20,016	-	-	
Current Assets	74,538	74,538	445		
Short Term Borrowing	(1,300)	(1,300)	-	-	
Short Term Creditors	(25,534)	(25,089)	445	1.77%	2.3.3
Capital Grants & Contributions Receipts in Advance	(2,240)	(2,240)	-	-	
Current Liabilities	(29,074)	(29,074)	(445)		
Provisions	(346)	(346)	-	-	
Long Term Creditors	(3,725)	(3,725)	-	-	
Long Term Borrowing	(224,782)	(224,782)	-	-	
Other Long Term Liabilities	(134,923)	(134,923)	-	-	
Capital Grants and Contributions Receipts in Advance	(493)	(493)	-	-	
Long Term Liabilities	(364,269)	(364,269)	-		
Net Assets	515,341	515,341	-		
Usable Reserves	59,776	59,776	-	-	
Unusable Reserves	455,564	455,564	-	-	
Total Reserves	515,340	515,340	-		