



AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	2008/09 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Audit Committee Meeting Date:	21 st September 2009
Policy Document:	N/A
Directorate:	Finance and Support
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Councillor David Perkins

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To note the external audit report by KPMG on the 2008/09 financial statements and use of resources.
- 1.2 To review the changes to the statements and pass comments to Cabinet.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the KPMG opinion of the 2008/09 accounts be noted.
- 2.2 That the Audit Committee make comments as necessary to the Cabinet meeting on 23rd September 2009, regarding the representation of the 2008/09 Statement of Accounts.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The Council approved the draft 2008/09 Statement of Accounts at its meeting on 29th June 2009.
- 3.1.2 KPMG, our external auditors, have now audited the accounts and have presented their ISA 260 report (See Annex B). This is a report that is

presented to those charged with Governance and will therefore be reported to the Council at its meeting on 28th September.

- 3.1.3 This report addresses the items raised in the external auditors report and also summarises the updates made to the Statement of Accounts since the June 2009 approval.
- 3.1.4 The changes to the amended statement of accounts is attached at Annex A.
- 3.1.5 KPMG is required to give an opinion on whether the Council's financial statements present fairly the position of the Council as at 31st March 2009 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.
- 3.1.6 The accounts have been completed on time for both the June 2009 approval of the draft accounts and for the post audited accounts in September 2009. This is in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

3.2 Issues

The Accounts

- 3.2.1 The Accounts have been updated for changes required by our Auditors and this is summarised on page 19 of the KPMG report at Appendix 5, noting what has happened with these changes. There have not been any material adjustments.
- 3.2.2 Changes to Prime Financial Statements – There has been an adjustment to the HRA consolidation figures in the income and expenditure account. This does not have an effect on overall levels of balances.
- 3.2.3 Changes to the Notes / Presentational Adjustments – There are a number of presentational changes which have been agreed.
- 3.2.4 In summary the changes are non-material, mainly with movements between categorisations in the notes to the accounts.

Other Areas for Information

- 3.2.5 The accounts are currently being updated and checked in line with the above.
- 3.2.6 There are a number of accounts performance improvement observations that have been raised in the KPMG ISA 260 report and comments have been noted as a management response as part of the report. We will look to address these during 2009/10.

3.3 Choices (Options)

- 3.3.1 The committee is invited to review the changes to the 2008/09 statement of accounts and indicate whether there are any concerns arising that need to be brought to the attention of the Cabinet and Council.
- 3.3.2 The committee is asked, subject to any comments arising at 3.3.1 above, to recommend that Council adopt the 2008/09 statement of accounts

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 The statement of accounts summarises the Council's Financial Position as at 31st March 2009.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 The statement of accounts summaries the Councils Financial Position as at 31st March 2009.

4.2.2 There are Comprehensive Performance Assessment implications on the timing of the approval of the statement of accounts.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 The statement of accounts is a statutory document, for which the draft needs to be approved by the Council by 30th June 2009 and the revised by 30th September 2009 in respect of the 2008/09 financial year.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 None

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 External - external audit

4.6 Other Implications

4.6.1 None

5. Background Papers

5.1 Statement of Accounts Working Papers

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