

Report of the Treasurer

7. Annual Statement of Accounts 2015/16

Purpose of report

1. To present the 2015/16 Statement of Accounts for approval.
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Recommendation

The Treasurer recommends that the Statement of Accounts 2015/16 be approved.

Introduction

2. The Accounts and Audit Regulations (2013) require that accounts have to be prepared as soon as practical after the end of the financial year, and signed as completed by the Treasurer before 30 June 2016.
3. Following completion of the external audit and before 30 September 2016, the Authority (or designated committee) must approve the Statement of Accounts. The Authority has delegated the function to the Audit and Standards Committee.
4. The Accounts must be published by 30 September 2016, and publication on the Authority website is the established and expected route.
5. The Audit is now complete, with no major issues arising, and the External Auditors' report is included elsewhere on this Agenda.
6. The draft Accounts were submitted to the Audit and Standards Committee for information on 4th July 2016, and have been subject to some minor amendments as a result of the Audit.
7. These minor changes have not had any impact on the overall financial position of the Authority and not required any fundamental changes to the draft Statements.

Un- Adjusted Item

8. Late in the Audit it was identified that an accrued item of income, relating to Wychavon District Council funding of the new Evesham Fire Station in 2015/16, had been over estimated by £0.043m.
9. This item has not been adjusted as it does not materially impact on the interpretation of the Accounts and the sum will be receivable in 2016/17 anyway.

Conclusion

10. The Statement of Accounts with these amendments incorporated is ready for approval.
11. On publication the Statement of Accounts will incorporate the approved Annual Governance Statement, which was approved by the Committee on 4 July 2016.
12. Providing that no issues have arisen from the public inspection period, the External Auditor will be able to issue his opinion as soon as he is ready to and this will be incorporated in the Statements which will be published as soon as is practical after this.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	N/A
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	N/A
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	N/A
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	N/A
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	N/A

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 –Statement of Accounts 2015/16

Background papers

None

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