

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive/Section 151 Officer	Governance Committee	27 Sept 2012

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011-12

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To present for approval the Auditor's Governance Report and the audited Statement of Accounts prior to the statutory deadline of 30 September 2012.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the Committee
 - Note the contents of the Governance Report
 - Approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2011/12
 - Authorise the Chief Executive to sign the Letter of representation, a draft of which is set out in the Governance Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The attached Governance letter reports favourably on all matters, and there are no issues that the auditor wishes to bring to the attention of members.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities		Quality Community Services and Spaces	
Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			X

BACKGROUND

- The unaudited Statement of Accounts was presented to Committee, for information, on 28 June 2012. Since then the audit has been completed, and the auditor's Governance Report is attached.
- The Audit and Accounts (England) Regulations 2011 require that a meeting of members should approve the statement by 30 September 2012. The full Statement is attached.

7. Following consideration and approval by this meeting, the Statement must be signed and dated by the Chairperson, be re-certified by the Chief Financial Officer and be published by 30 September.
8. The key messages are that the Auditor intends to issue an unqualified opinion on the Statements and an unqualified Value for Money conclusion. Furthermore she identified no material errors, no significant weaknesses in internal control, and she has reported positively on the quality of the accounts and the supporting workings. With regard to the significant risks identified in the 2011/12 Audit Plan her testings have not revealed any matters that she wishes to report.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	X	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

10. All relevant comments are contained in the body of the report

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

11. There is nothing in the report which highlights cause for legal concern

There are no background papers to this report.

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Appendices

- Appendix A - Governance Report
- Appendix B - Statement of Accounts