



AUDIT COMMITTEE

21 June 2011

Subject Heading:

Update report on the Statement of Accounts 2010/11

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Policy context:

To note the progress in completing the statutory annual accounts 2010/11

Financial summary:

There are no direct financial implications.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

- Clean, safe and green borough
- Excellence in education and learning
- Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity
- Value and enhance the life of every individual
- High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax

SUMMARY

As required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011, the Council's Statement of Accounts must be approved and signed by the Director of Finance and Commerce no later than 30th June 2011. The accounts must be published after the conclusion of the external audit of accounts; no later than 30th September 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to note that:

- a) The Council's Statement of Accounts must be approved and signed by the Group Director of Finance & Commerce no later than 30th June 2011.
- b) A verbal update on progress in preparing the statement of accounts will be given by officers on the night.
- c) A copy of the accounts will be made available to members of the Committee as soon as they have been approved.
- d) The accounts must be considered and approved by the Audit Committee no later than 30th September 2011.
- e) The accounts must be published following the conclusion of the audit, no later than 30th September 2011.

REPORT DETAIL

1. Statement of Accounts 2010/11

- 1.1. At the time of preparing the report the statement of accounts were nearing completion. A verbal update will be given to the Committee on the night.
- 1.2. For the first time, the accounts will be based upon International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Progress in implementing the changes required by the Code of Practice has been regularly reported to this Committee throughout the project. Since the last report, and following discussions with our external auditors, a further change was agreed to be made in order to comply with the code. As a consequence, the Council's accounts have been amended in order to remove the net assets of Foundation and Voluntary-aided Schools and to restate the relevant revenue transactions.
- 1.3. As previously reported to this Committee, the statutory requirements for the approval and publication of the accounts have been amended by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011. Once the accounts have been completed they will be approved and signed by the Group Director of Finance and Commerce no later than 30th June 2011.
- 1.4. The draft accounts will then be subject to audit, by the Council's external auditors PriceWaterhouse Coopers. Following the conclusion of the audit, the accounts must be approved by the Audit Committee and published no later than 30th September 2011.

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There are no direct financial implications arising from the publication of the 2010/11 Statement of Accounts.

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Legal Implications and risks:

Regulation 8 of the Accounts and Audit regulations 2011 require the publication of the Statement of Accounts after the conclusion of the audit but in any event no later than the 30th September 2011.

Human Resources Implications and risks:

None arising directly

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and risks:

None arising directly

BACKGROUND PAPERS