

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL****AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2016****2015/16 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS****REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: FINANCE & HR (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)****LEAD CABINET MEMBER – CLLR LEE CARTER****PART A) SUMMARY REPORT**

- 1.1 This report informs Members of the outcome of the audit of the Council's accounts for 2015/16 and presents the Statement of Accounts for approval.
- 1.2 The Statement of Accounts is prepared on an International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) basis as interpreted by the Local Government Accounting Code of Practice which continues to add a level of complexity.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, the Chief Financial Officer certified the draft statement of accounts prior to the 30 June. These were then presented to Audit Committee on the 28 June, made available for public inspection and provided to the external auditors to undertake the audit of accounts. As required by regulation, the final statement of accounts is now presented to members for approval, prior to publication. This Committee has delegated authority to approve the council's final audited Statement of Accounts.
- 1.4 KPMG, the Council's external auditors have given the accounts an unqualified audit opinion and their Auditor's Report is included in the Statement of Accounts.
- 1.5 There are no financial adjustments required as a result of the audit and the outturn position remains as reported to Cabinet on 16 June 2016. The only changes identified are presentational which have been agreed and included in this final version. A comment in relation to the result of the European Referendum has been added to the note in relation to post balance sheet events.
- 1.6 As part of the statement of accounts process local electors may inspect the accounts and raise questions with the external auditor. There is currently one outstanding elector question relating to 2015/16.
- 1.7 Following approval the Statement of Accounts will be published on the Council's web site.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That Members approve the 2015/16 Statement of Accounts attached at Appendix I.
- 2.2** That delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director: Finance & HR to make any presentational changes required to the Statement of Accounts prior to publication.
- 2.3** That members approve the updated action plan appended to the Annual Governance Statement.

## **3.0 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Cooperative Council priorities?	
	Yes	Delivery of all cooperative council priorities depend on the effective use of available resources. Regular financial monitoring helps to highlight variations from plan.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE</b>	To publish audited accounts by the end of September 2016	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	Yes	The financial impacts are detailed throughout the report.
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	No	The Statement of Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 2015/16 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and the 2015 Accounts and Audit Regulations.
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	No	
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	No	Borough Wide

## **PART B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **4.0 INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The 2015/16 outturn position was reported to Full Council on the 14 July 2016. In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, the Council is required to prepare a formal Statement of Accounts in a prescribed format, following International Financial Reporting Standards. The Chief Financial Officer certified the draft statement of accounts at the end of June. These were then made available for public inspection and provided to the external auditors to undertake the audit of accounts.
- 4.2 The final overall underspend of £0.121m (-0.1% of net budget) is the same as previously reported to members in June.
- 4.3 A number of presentational changes have been made to the accounts during the course of the audit after discussion with KPMG. None of these has impacted on the General Fund Balance position previously reported.
- 4.4 The final statement of accounts including all agreed amendments is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.5 An unqualified audit report has been given by KPMG.
- 4.6 To comply with International Auditing Standards, the external auditor will also present the Annual Governance report to the Audit Committee which comments on the final accounts audit.

### **5.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

There is no further information to add.

### **6.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Cabinet – Service & Financial Planning Report – 16 June 2016  
Audit Committee – Draft Statement of Accounts – 28 June 2016  
Council – Service & Financial Planning Report – 14 July 2016

### **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

2015/16 Draft Statement of Accounts  
2015/16 Outturn Report  
General Ledger Reports  
2015/16 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting  
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

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