

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14 – MEMBER WORKING GROUP

### Audit Committee – 10 June 2014

Report of Chief Finance Officer

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

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**Recommendation to Audit Committee:** That a Member Working Group be set up to review the 2013/14 Draft Statement of Accounts.

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#### Introduction

- 1 Until 2009/10 it was a requirement of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 that Members' approve the Draft Statutory Statement of Accounts by 30 June following the financial year end and that the Audited Statutory Statement of Accounts be approved by Members by 30 September.
- 2 In 2010/11 these requirements changed and now only the Audited Statutory Statement of Accounts have to be approved by Members by 30 September.
- 3 As the Statement of Accounts are very detailed, the Chairman has suggested that a small working group should be established to review the draft during July.
- 4 The working group should have the authority to recommend changes to the Statement of Accounts ensuring that they still adhere to the statutory regulations, and would report to the September Audit Committee.
- 5 A working group was established last year to review the 2012/13 Draft Statement of Accounts and recommended changes to the Foreword and presentational changes to facilitate better comparison of information between years. Members of last years working group were Cllr Grint, Cllr Fittock, Cllr Mrs Bayley, Cllr Mrs Cook and Cllr Ramsay.

#### Key Implications

##### Financial

None directly arising from this report.

##### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None directly arising from this report.

### Equality Impacts

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	N/A
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	No	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

### **Appendices**

None

### **Background Papers:**

None

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