

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 – ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBER WORKING GROUP

Audit Committee – 9 July 2024

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance and Trading

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report seeks to establish a member working group.

This report supports the Key Aim of: effective management of the Council's resources.

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Recommendation to Audit Committee:

That a Member Working group be set up, to review the 2023/24 draft Statement of Accounts with delegated authority to recommend changes to the draft whilst ensuring adherence to statutory regulations for the purposes of reporting back to the Audit Committee.

Reason for recommendation:

This recommendation supports the sound control of the Councils finances.

Introduction and Background

- 1 For a number of years, a Member Working Group has been set up to look at the draft Statement of Accounts, with the authority to recommend changes whilst ensuring that they still adhere to the statutory regulations and report back to the Audit Committee.
- 2 As the Statement of Accounts are very detailed, the working group should give the wider Committee greater confidence in approving the Statements of Account.
- 3 The working group should meet in September and then report to the Audit Committee with the audited financial statements.

- 4 Members of last year's working group were Cllrs. Haslam, Clayton, Cole and Independent Member Lynda McMullan.

Key Implications

Financial

None directly arising from this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None directly arising from this report.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Climate Change Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to tackle the challenge of climate change. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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