

Report of the Section 151 Officer

Council – 24 September 2015

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15

Purpose:	The Council is required to approve the 2014/15 accounts on or before 30 th September 2015.
Policy Framework:	Budget and Accounts 2014/15.
Reason for Decision:	To comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the 2014/15 Statement of Accounts be approved.
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The attached Statement of Accounts for the year 2014/15 is recommended to Council for approval.

2.0 Timetable for completion and audit of the 2014/15 accounts

2.1 The key dates in relation to the 2014/15 accounts process are as follows:-

29 th June 2015	The draft Statement of Accounts was completed and certified by the Section 151 Officer in line with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
17 th September 2015	Cabinet will formally consider the Auditors reports to those charged with governance in respect of both the Council and Pension Fund Accounts.

21 st September 2015	Audit Committee will consider the Auditor's reports as presented to Cabinet together with any amendments arising from audit work undertaken up to 21 st September 2015.
24 th September 2015	Council is asked to formally approve the 2014/15 Statement of Accounts.
30 th September 2015	Statutory date for the completion of the external audit of the Statement of Accounts.
20 th October 2015	Audit Committee will further consider the Auditor's reports as presented to Cabinet together with any amendments arising from audit work undertaken up to and including 30 th September 2015.

3. Changes to the format and content of the Statement of Accounts

3.1 There are no changes to the format and content of the 2014/15 Statement of Accounts.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6. Equalities and Engagement Implications

6.1 There are no Equalities or Engagement implications associated with this report.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: Statement of Accounts given as an Appendix to the Council Agenda.