



Report of the Section 151 Officer

Council – 10 September 2020

Statement of Accounts 2019/20

Purpose:	The Council is required to approve the 2019/20 accounts on or before 15 th September 2020.
Policy Framework:	Budget and Accounts 2019/20.
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
Recommendation(s):	1) That the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts in Appendix A be approved.
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1. Introduction

1.1 The Statement of Accounts for the year 2019/20 is attached in Appendix A and is recommended to Council for approval.

2. Timetable for completion and audit of the 2019/20 accounts

2.1 The key dates in relation to the 2019/20 accounts process are as follows:-

18 th May 2020	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.

8 th September 2020	Audit Committee has reviewed the draft Statement of Accounts and the draft Auditor's report.
10 th September 2020	Council is asked to formally approve the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts.
15 th September 2020	Statutory date for the completion of the external audit of the Statement of Accounts.

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

3.1 There are no major changes to the format and content of the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts.

4. Financial Implications

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

5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6. Equalities and Engagement Implications

6.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

6.2 There are no equality and engagement issues associated with this report; any relevant items within the budget for the past three years have been subject to the Equality Impact Assessment process.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: Statement of Accounts