



**Report of the Section 151 Officer**

**Council – 10 September 2020**

**Statement of Accounts 2019/20**

<b>Purpose:</b>	The Council is required to approve the 2019/20 accounts on or before 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Budget and Accounts 2019/20.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Audit Committee has reviewed the draft Statement of Accounts and the draft Auditor's report.
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Council is asked to formally approve the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts.
15 <sup>th</sup> 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