



Report of the Section 151 Officer

Audit Committee – 8 September 2020

Draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20

Purpose:	The report presents the Draft Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 and is presented to the Audit Committee for Information and Review.
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1. Background

- 1.1 Legislation requires the Council to produce an annual Statement of Accounts in respect of each Financial year as follows:-
- **By 15th June** following the year to which the Accounts relate – Accounts to be drafted and signed by the Section 151 Officer
 - **By 15th September** following the year to which the Accounts relate the Accounts are required to be audited and approved by Council
- 1.2 The Draft Accounts for 2019/20 have been prepared and were signed by the Section 151 Officer on 18th May 2020. A copy is appended at Appendix 'A' to this report.
- 1.3 The Accounts have been formally presented to the Council's auditors – Audit Wales – who have completed the audit of the Accounts.
- 1.4 As part of the audit process the Accounts were made available for inspection by the public for a four week period from 3rd August 2020 to 28th August 2020.

2. Form and content of the Statement

- 2.1 The form and content of the report is largely set out in the CIPFA code of practice which forms the basis of best practice in accordance with legislation.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 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.

- 3.2 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.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Production of the Statement of Accounts is required in accordance with the provisions of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

Background papers: *Accounts and Audit Regulations*
Cipfa Accounting Code of Practice

Appendices: Appendix 'A' – Draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20.