



## Report of the Section 151 Officer

Audit Committee – 8 September 2020

### Draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20

<b>Purpose:</b>	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 15<sup>th</sup> June** following the year to which the Accounts relate – Accounts to be drafted and signed by the Section 151 Officer
  - **By 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> 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.