


## AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

**26 July 2018**

<b>Subject:</b>	Statement of Accounts 2017/18
<b>Director:</b>	Executive Director – Resources – Darren Carter
<b>Contribution towards Vision 2030:</b>	
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### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **That Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:**

1. That the Executive Director - Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, to agree any changes which may be necessary in order to ensure the finalisation of the external audit currently being concluded by the Council's external auditors KPMG to ensure completion of the Statement of Accounts.

## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 This report presents the Statement of Accounts and accompanying Management Representation letter for 2017/18 for approval.

## **2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION**

- 2.1 Each of the Council's 10 ambitions are engaged across this Report; the Council's financial status helps to underpin the Council's Vision 2030 and associated aspirations.

## **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council's 2017/18 Statement of Accounts was approved by the Council's Section 151 Officer (Darren Carter) on 31 May 2018.

- 3.2 A copy of the unaudited accounts was displayed on the Council's website and a period of public display advertised in accordance with regulations. The accounts were placed on public display between 31 May and 11 July and were available for inspection during this period.
- 3.3 In addition to the approval given by the Section 151 Officer in June, the final audited Statement of Accounts must be considered by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee and approved by a formal resolution prior to 31 July 2018, in line with regulations. A Management Representation Letter must also be considered and approval given for this document to be signed by the Chair on behalf of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

## **4 THE CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 is attached as Appendix 1. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards based Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. The Management Representation Letter is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4.2 Several audit adjustments have been required and these are reflected in the revised Statement of Accounts in Appendix 1. These are outlined in the ISA260 report, presented KPMG under a separate agenda item of this meeting.
- 4.3 The Narrative Report at the beginning of the Statement of Accounts provides a concise statement of the Council's current financial position and an explanation of the core financial statements.

## **5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**

- 5.1 No consultation with customers and stakeholders is necessary.

## **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 There are no alternative options to be considered.

## **7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The council's financial position is set out within the Statement of Accounts for 2017/18.

## **8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require a formal resolution by Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to approve its 2017/18 Statement of Accounts by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

## **9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

9.1 There is no requirement for an Equality Impact Assessment.

## **10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

10.1 There are no Data Protection issues arising from this report.

## **11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

11.1 There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

## **12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS**

12.1 There are no issues around sustainability in this report.

## **13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)**

13.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

## **14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND**

14.1 There is no impact on any council managed property or land.

## **15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

15.1 The Statement of Accounts for 2017/18 and Management Representation should be approved in order for the council to meet its legal obligations.

15.2 Given the possibility that issues raised either at today's meeting or subsequently may require the Statement of Accounts to be amended it is recommended that the Executive Director – Resources, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair of this Committee, to agree any final changes to the Council's Statement of Accounts 2017/18. It should be noted that the only changes that will be made under these delegated powers will relate to amendments agreed with the Council's external auditors KPMG.

## 16 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and associated guidance.

## 17 **APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1 – Statement of Accounts 2017/18

Appendix 2 – Management Representation Letter 2017/18

**Darren Carter**  
**Executive Director – Resources**