

AUDIT COMMITTEE

29TH SEPTEMBER 2017

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016-2017

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To approve the Statement of Accounts 2016-2017 (Carmarthenshire County Council and Dyfed Pension Fund) post audit.

Reasons:

The Council is required to approve its 2016/17 accounts by 30 September 2017 to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

Audit Committee have delegated power to approve the Accounts in line with the Local Government Measure.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: Not Applicable

Exec Board Decision Required: Not Applicable

Council Decision Required: Not Applicable

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. D. Jenkins**Directorate:**

Corporate Services

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In line with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, the Statement of Accounts is now presented to Audit Committee for approval.

As noted in the earlier agenda item (Welsh Audit Office report) a number of minor amendments were made to the accounts, including clarification in some disclosure notes.

For the Council Fund, there has been no change to the balance on general reserves for the year, and similarly no change to the Housing Revenue Account balance at year end.

As detailed in the WAO report there has been a reclassification from long to short term debtors in relation to a loan to the National Botanic Garden of Wales which is due to mature in March 2018.

The Net Assets on the balance sheet have been re-stated to reflect the amendments to the insurance provision as detailed in the WAO report.

All changes agreed with WAO have been reflected in the Statement of Accounts presented for approval.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Chris Moore**

Director of Corporate Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Legal

Compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2014

2. Finance:

Overall the Authority's Council Fund net expenditure for the year was below the original budget, resulting in a transfer of £523k to balances on the Council Fund as opposed to a budgeted transfer of £65k from Council Fund Balances, and a transfer of £4,890k to the Housing Revenue Account balance.

At the balance sheet date the Council Fund General Balances stood at £9.304m, the Housing Revenue Account £14.011m and the balances held by schools under LMS £1.710m

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Chris Moore

Director of Corporate Services

1. Scrutiny Committee – Not applicable
2. Local Member(s) – Not applicable
3. Community / Town Council – Not applicable
4. Relevant Partners – Not applicable
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen
Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2016		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen