

Governance & Audit Committee

24th September 2021

Statement of Accounts 2020/21

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To approve the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 for Carmarthenshire County Council post audit.

Reasons:

The Council is required to approve its 2020/21 accounts by 31st July 2021 to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended 2018).

However, due to the ongoing impact of COVID 19, Welsh Government issued guidance allowing flexibility for completing the 2020/21 financial statements.

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

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: NA

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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In line with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended 2018), the Statement of Accounts is now presented to Audit Committee for approval.

As noted in the earlier agenda item (Audit Wales report) amendments have been made to the accounts, including clarification in some disclosure notes.

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

All changes agreed with Audit Wales 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 (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended 2018).

2. Finance:

Overall the Authority's Council Fund net expenditure for the year was below the original budget, resulting in a transfer of £814k to balances on the Council Fund and a transfer of £1,808m from the Housing Revenue Account balance.

At the balance sheet date, the Council Fund General Balances stood at £12.034m, the Housing Revenue Account £19.444m and the balances held by schools under LMS £7.266m.

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 (as amended 2018)		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen
Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2020/21		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen