

North East Derbyshire District Council

Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee

22 September 2016

North East Derbyshire District Council : Statement of Accounts 2015/2016

Report of the Executive Director - Operations

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

The Committee is asked to approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2015/16, as attached to this report.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Council published its Draft Statement of Accounts in respect of 2015/16 on 27th May, in line with the target date of 31 May which had been set to reflect the forthcoming change in the statutory deadline. The work undertaken by the External Audit team on the accounts requires the Council to make an amendment in respect of its overall outturn position on the General Fund Revenue Account for £0.183m in respect of an understatement to the Housing Benefit overpayments income. This has resulted in an increase of £0.183m in the Invest to Save Reserve. There were no amendments required to the outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account or the Capital Programme. The outcomes of the external audit work are set out in the External Auditors report which also constitutes an item elsewhere on this agenda (Item 4).
- 1.2 Attached as **Appendix 1** to this report is the Council's Audited Statement of Accounts in respect of 2015/16. There may be some minor changes still requested by the External Auditors – which if required will be reported verbally at the Committee. However, it is anticipated that there will be very limited changes between the version attached and the final recommended Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.
- 1.3 The Board of Rykneld Homes Ltd approved their Accounts on 15 September 2016. Given that Rykneld Homes Ltd is within the Council's Group of Accounts it is necessary that the Company's accounts are signed off and agreed by its Board before the Council's own accounts can be signed off. The Council's Statement of Accounts as attached to this report reflect the position as approved by the Rykneld Homes Board.
- 1.4 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 delegated powers be given to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chair or Deputy Chair of this Committee to agree any final changes to the Council's

Statement of Accounts 2015/16. 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.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The external audit process in respect of 2015/16 has now been concluded and the accounts as amended have been given an unqualified audit opinion. The outcome of this review is summarised in the External Auditors report to those charged with governance which appears elsewhere on this agenda.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 There are no consultation and equality impact implications from this report.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options for consideration.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 The process has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011. It should be noted that the Council is required to complete and approve the audited Statement of Accounts by the end of September.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 There are no Human Resource implications arising from this report.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee approve the audited Statement of Accounts in respect of 2015/16.
- 6.2 That delegated powers are granted to the Chief Financial Officer following consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny 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 by 30 September 2016.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	None directly
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	Customer Focussed Services – Providing Excellent customer focussed services. Strategic Organisational Development – Continually improving our organisation

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	North East Derbyshire District Council – Statement of Accounts 2015/16
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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