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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE  
CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 22 JULY 2004**

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**CROS.100/04 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2003/04**

The Head of Finance presented report FS.21/04 indicating that the Statement of Accounts for 2003/04 (subject to audit) required to be approved by full Council within five months of the financial year-end in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003. That was a month earlier than previous years and, unfortunately, the draft Statement was not yet available for consideration. It was requested, therefore, that delegation be given to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Policy, Performance Management, Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder and the Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for the completion of the Statement.

The draft Statement, once complete, would be submitted to Group Leaders and to full Council on 3 August 2004 for approval.

A Member stressed the importance of Members having the opportunity to ask questions on the Statement and queried whether that would be possible at Council.

In response, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that Members could do so should they wish.

Mrs Brown asked that, in all fairness, the Officer be advised of any such questions in advance of the meeting. Members undertook to do so where possible.

**RESOLVED – That the report be noted.**