



Carlisle City Council

Report to Audit Committee

Report details

Meeting Date:	11 November 2021
Portfolio:	Finance, Governance and Resources
Key Decision:	Not applicable
Policy and Budget Framework	Yes
Public / Private	Public
Title:	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21
Report of:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES
Report Number:	RD45/21

Purpose / Summary:

The Council's Statement of Accounts 2020/21 has been subject to an audit process which commenced in September and which should have been completed by the statutory deadline of 30th September 2021. However, the audit review process was delayed due to the lateness of completing the 2019/20 accounts and therefore the audit was only completed in October.

Therefore, the Audit is now complete with the Auditor's Audit Findings Report (ISA260) Report being considered elsewhere on the agenda. That report anticipates providing the Council with an unqualified opinion on the Accounts, with the VFM conclusion to follow at a later date. It also details any issues found during the course of the audit process, and any amendments required to the Accounts which must be reported and approved by Members of the Audit Committee.

There are recommendations made by the Auditor. The completed action plan will be reviewed and closely monitored during 2021/22.

The accounts are in the process of final checking in line with the AFR and, as outlined in the AFR, there are a few areas still outstanding on the audit. Therefore, the final Statement of Accounts will be circulated to the Committee separately once the final quality review is completed.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to approve the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts including the Annual Governance Statement.

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