

## AUDIT

## COMMITTEE

22 November 2017

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### **The Statement of Accounts 2016-2017 and Pension Fund Accounts 2016-2017**

Report of Alison Elsdon Director of Corporate Resources

Cabinet Member: Councillor Nicholas Oliver – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

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#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that members of the Audit Committee approve the Statement of Accounts for 2016-2017 and the Pension Fund Accounts 2016-2017.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the members of the Audit Committee approve:

- The Statement of Accounts 2016-2017; and,
- The Pension Fund Accounts 2016-2017.

#### **Link to the Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to all priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013 to 2017.

#### **Key Issues**

Following the Audit Committee meeting on 27 September the Council's External Auditors have now received all of the information that they require to complete the audit.

There are minor changes that have been made to the Statement of Accounts 2016-2017 which were presented to the Audit Committee on 27 September 2017 which are detailed in this report. There are no changes to the Pension Fund Accounts 2016-2017 that were presented to the Audit Committee on 27 September 2017.

## BACKGROUND

1. The Audit Committee at its meeting on 27 September 2017 agreed that, given the absence of information being made available to them, they did not feel that they were in a position to approve the Council's accounts for signature. In addition, as the Pension Fund Accounts sat with the accounts for the Council, they could also not be signed off at this time.
2. The Council's External Auditors have now received all of the information that they require. The following changes have been made to the Statement of Accounts 2016-2017:
  - i. Page 60 – Paragraph 8 - Events After the Reporting Period – New Paragraph  
“Arch – It was agreed by the Arch Board on 17 November 2017 to dissolve the company. However, as Arch is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Council, the Council must consider the decision of the Arch Board and make appropriate recommendations through its own decision-making process”.
  - ii. Page 110 – Paragraph 38 – Related Parties – Members  
The sentence “Members had interests in 106 organisations with transactions totalling £56.05 million in respect of goods or services provided to the Council (108 and £131.73 million in 2015-16)”. Has been replaced with:  
“Members had interests in 109 organisations with transactions totalling £62.86 million in respect of goods or services provided to the Council (108 and £131.73 million in 2015-16)”.
  - The sentence “During 2016-17 goods and services amounting to £13.29 million were provided by the Council to 86 organisations in which members had an interest (£4.24 million and 84 in 2015-16)”; has been replaced with:  
“During 2016-17 goods and services amounting to £13.39 million were provided by the Council to 88 organisations in which members had an interest (£4.24 million and 84 in 2015-16)”.
3. There have been no changes to the Pension Fund Accounts 2016-2017 that were presented to the Audit Committee on 27 September 2017.

## IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

<b>Policy:</b>	None.
<b>Finance and value for money:</b>	The Statement of Accounts summarise the financial performance of the Council and its subsidiaries for the financial year 2016-2017 and shows its net worth as at 31 March 2017.
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None.
<b>Property:</b>	None.
<b>Equalities:</b>	None.
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	The risks within the preparation of the Statement of Accounts are well managed through the embedded processes in place.
<b>Customer Considerations:</b>	None.
<b>Carbon Reduction:</b>	None.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.
<b>Wards:</b>	All.

### Background papers

Statement of Accounts 2016-2017.

### Report sign off:

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