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Narrative Report	5	To offer interested parties an easily understandable effective guide to the most significant matters reported in the accounts.
Independent Auditor's Report to Northumberland County Council	22	Provides the external auditors opinion on the Council's statement of accounts.
Statement of Responsibilities	26	Sets out the responsibilities of the Council and of the Executive Director of Transformation & Resources for the statement of accounts.
Core Financial Statements		
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account (CIES)	29	This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation.
Movement in Reserves Statement	30	This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Council analysed into 'usable' reserves and other reserves.
Balance Sheet	31	The balance sheet shows the value of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Council as at 31 March. The net assets of the Council (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Council.
Cash Flow Statement	32	The cash flow statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Council during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Council generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities.
Notes to the Accounts	35	The notes are important in the presentation of a true and fair view. They aim to assist understanding by presenting information about the basis of preparation of the core financial statements, by disclosing information

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		required by the Code that is not presented elsewhere and by providing information that is not provided elsewhere but is relevant to the understanding of the accounts. They also include the policies and procedures adopted in compiling the accounts.
Housing Revenue Account	149	The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a ring-fenced account and records expenditure and income relating to the running of the Council's own housing stock and closely related services or facilities, which are provided primarily for the benefit of the council's own tenants.
Collection Fund Account	157	The Collection Fund reflects the statutory obligation of billing authorities to maintain a separate Collection Fund, distinct from the General Fund of the Council. The Collection Fund accounts independently for income relating to Council Tax and National Non Domestic Rates on behalf of those bodies (including the Council) for whom the income has been raised.
Group Accounts	161	The Group accounts consolidate the results and balances of the Council with those organisations considered to be part of the Group.
Firefighters Pension Fund	175	The Firefighters' Pension Fund shows Employee and Employer contributions being paid into the fund, offset by Pension payments being paid out of the fund. The shortfall is met by central government grant from the Home Office.
Glossary of Terms	179	To assist readers in understanding terminology used in the statement of accounts.