



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Audit Committee 21 October 2020

Wards affected: All Wards

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019-20 (UNAUDITED)

Report of Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present to the Audit Committee the draft financial statement and Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Note the completion of the 2019/20 unaudited Financial Statements.
- 2.2 To review the draft AGS prior to approval and consider whether it properly reflects the risk environment and supporting assurances, taking into account Internal Audit's opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control.

3. Background to the report

- 3.1 In accordance with Accounts and Audit regulations, draft Financial Statements are required to be signed off by the 31st August 2020 and ready for public inspection on or before the 1st September 2020. As approved at this Committee on the 1st July 2020 the unaudited statement were endorsed by the Chair and published on the 6th August 2020. The Statement was available for public right of inspection between the 12th August and 16th September 2020 in which time members of the public can inspect or raise objections to items in the accounts. The statements have also been supplied to our External Auditor (Ernst & Young) for them to complete their audit and report back to the Audit Committee.

- 3.2 Following the conclusion of the period for the exercise of public rights the Head of Finance as the responsible finance officer (RFO) is required, on behalf of the authority, to re-confirm that they are satisfied that the Statement of Accounts presents a 'true and fair' view. The authority must then consider the Statement of Accounts, which at HBBC is the responsibility of the Audit Committee on behalf of the Council. At that meeting the Audit Committee will need approve the accounts by a resolution of that committee and ensure that they are signed and dated by the person presiding at the committee as chair at which that approval is given. The Unaudited accounts are presented to help in the process.
- 3.3 Due to the Coronavirus, the deadline set by national government for Local Authorities to publish the final statement has been moved from 31st July 2020 to 30th November.2020. However External Auditors are not required to complete their audit by the 30th November. The audit findings report will be finalised in November and the final financial statement will be presented to this committee for approval on the 9th December 2020.
- 3.4 The annual governance statement is included at the end of the financial statement. Internal Audit is required to give an Internal Audit opinion as part of the governance requirements in the statement. Their opinion will be presented at this committee today therefore be included in the final AGS that will be presented to the next committee for endorsement.
- 3.5 There have been no changes to our accounting policies this year.
- 3.6 The main elements of the Financial Statements are noted below with a brief narrative explanation of their purpose.

Section of Accounts	What it Covers
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES)	The CIES covers the sources of all income received and the cost of providing services in the year based on applicable accounting standards and CIPFA requirements.
Movement in Reserves Statement (MiRS)	The MiRS shows the movement in the year on the various reserves held by the Council.
Expenditure & Funding Analysis	This is reconciliation between management's internal reporting and the CIES, which is based on the requirements of accounting standards as interpreted for the public sector.
Balance Sheet	The Balance Sheet gives the value of the Council's assets and liabilities at the financial year-end.
Cash Flow Statement	The cash flow statement discloses movements in cash flow of the authority during the financial year.
Notes to the financial statements	These include a summary of significant accounting policies that guide our basis for the way items are accounted for in the financial statements.
Supplementary Statements:	These are the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Collection Fund.

Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund	The HRA covers the income from housing activities and Council's expenditure on Council housing. The Collection Fund gives level of business rates and council tax that the Council has to collect, not only for itself, but also for precepting authorities in Leicestershire.
Annual Governance Statement	The Council has approved and adopted a code of corporate governance. The Annual Governance Statement provides a summary of how the Council has reviewed compliance with this code.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 Report taken in open session.

5. Financial implications [IB]

5.1 Contained within the body of the report.

6. Legal implications [MR]

6.1 Set out in the report.

7. Corporate Plan implications

7.1 None.

8. Consultation

8.1 None.

9. Risk implications

9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None	N/A	Ashley Wilson

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

10.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report

11. Climate implications

11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report

12. Corporate implications

12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has considered the following:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

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