2012/13 Statement of Accounts (SOA) Overview

[page references are shown which cross reference to the full SOA document also available on the T&W internet site]

The communication of financial information is a key aspect of public accountability. The Statement of Accounts
provides detail about the funds available to the Council and how they have been used to deliver services;
together with a snap-shot of the financial position as at 31 March i.e. the value of assets and liabilities at year
end.

BACKGROUND

- The structure and content of the Statement of Accounts is determined by Government Legislation, Accounting Standards, including International Financial Reporting Standards, and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) Guidance and Codes of Practice.
- The Statement of Accounts comprises:
 - **1. Explanatory Foreword**
 - 2. Statement of Responsibilities & Annual Governance Statement
 - 3. Auditor's Report
 - 4. Movement in Reserves Statement
 - 5. Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Account
 - 6. Balance Sheet
 - 7. Cash Flow Statement
 - 8. Notes to the Accounts
 - 9. The Collection Fund Account

PROCESS

- Outturn report presented to Cabinet:
 27 June 2013; Council 11 July 2013
- Draft SOA circulated to Audit

Committee Members: 28 June 2013

- Draft SOA available for Public Inspection for 20 working days: 1 – 26 July 2013
- Start of External Audit: 1 July
- Approval by Audit Committee: 17 Sept 2013
- Final SOA published by 30 Sept 2013

1. EXPLANATORY FOREWORD [pages 3 -19]

Provides an overview of the budget and financial context, highlights issues raised during the year and provides a summary of both the revenue and capital outturn positions for the Council.

Revenue				
	Budget	Outturn	Variation	
	£m	£m	£m	
Cabinet Report	126.254	126.199	-0.055	
Release of Reserves		-0.770	-0.770	
Council Tax, Govt. Grant and NDR	-124.864	-124.864	0.000	
Contribution from Balances	1.390	0.565	-0.825	

General & Special Fund Balances - £m			
Balances bwfd 1/4/12	3.686		
Contribution from Balances	0.565		
Balances cwfd 31/3/13	3.121		

Capital		
Approved Capital Programme	79.670	
Outturn	62.784	
Funded by:		
Borrowing	-1.391	
Capital Receipts	28.833	
Grants	33.965	
Other Sources	1.377	
Total	62.784	
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2. STATEMENT OF RESONSIBILITIES & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT [page 20]

Sets out the responsibilities of the authority and the Chief Financial Officer in respect of the SOA; details the governance framework, systems of control and standards of conduct; reviews the effectiveness of governance arrangements and identifies actions to be implemented in 2013/14.

3. AUDITORS REPORT [page 26]

Provides independent assurance to Members that the SOA have been compiled in accordance with UK accountancy regulations and that they give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 March 2013. KPMG will present their own report to Audit Committee. An unqualified audit opinion is expected.

4. MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT [page 29]

Shows the different reserves held by the authority, analysed into Usable reserves (those which could be used to fund expenditure) and Other Reserves (technical reserves and those where funds would not be immediately realisable e.g. revaluation reserve where assets would have to be sold to release the benefit).

Usable Reserves	£m	Other Reserves	£m
General/Special Fund	3.121	Pension Reserve	(196.006)
Balance			
Capital Grants Unapplied	13.355	Acc. Absence Reserve	(3.543)
Revenue Grants Unapplied	2.731	Capital Adjustment	116.391
		Account	
Service Reserves & Other	23.269	Revaluation Reserve	49.828
Bals			
School Balances	6.640	Collection Fund	1.094
		Other	0.467
Total Usable Reserves	49.116	Total Other Reserves	(31.769)
Total Reserves at 31 March 2013: £17.347m			

6. BALANCE SHEET [page 32]

Shows the value of assets and liabilities at 31 March.

Assets	£m	Liabilities	£m
Property, Plant &	346.896	Borrowing	110.614
Equipment			
Investment Properties	52.564	Creditors	76.471
Intangible Assets	1.842	Pensions Liability	196.006
Assets Held for Sale	6.874	PFI/Finance Leases	59.774
Investments	25.033	Other	2.974
Debtors	21.780		
Other Current Assets	8.197		
Total Assets	463.186	Total Liabilities	445.839
Total Net Assets at 31 March 2013 £17.347m			

Net Assets are matched by reserves (see above)

5. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C [page 31]

This statement shows the cost of providing services, in accordance with Accountancy regulations, not the amount funded from taxation.

	£m
Deficit on I&E Account	21.437
Less amounts included in I&E Account but which do not impact on the General Fund, such as Depreciation, Impairments and Capital Grants Applied	28.416
Plus amounts not included in I&E Account but which do impact on the General Fund, such as minimum revenue provision (MRP) and pensions	6.598
Plus Movement in reserves	0.946
Actual Use of General Fund Balances	0.565

7. CASHFLOW STATEMENT [page 33]

Shows cash inflows and outflows during the year.

8. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS [page 34]

64 notes providing further information to support the figures in the financial statements. **[listed in contents on page 1]**

9. COLLECTION FUND [page 98]

Required by statute for billing authorities; records transactions relating to business rates and council tax income and payments to this Council, the Parishes, Police