

Report to the Council

Portfolio: Business Support

Subject: Statement of Accounts 2018/19 Final Draft

Recommendations/Decisions

- 1. To note that there have been delays nationally in the completion of Local Authority accounts for 2018/19.**
- 2. To note that these delays have been compounded in this Authority due to staff turnover and the need to improve final accounts records and processes.**
- 3. To note that an action plan is in line with the support of the external auditors, has been agreed with progress being reported back to the Audit Committee.**
- 4. To note that to date there has only been minor changes to the original draft accounts, but the external auditors are yet to issue their formal opinion.**
- 5. As a result of the above, to adopt the Final Accounts for 2018/19 observing that there is an obligation of reporting back to Council any major or significant change to the accounts or the notes to the accounts as part of finalising the external auditor report.**