

Member Briefing

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Title: Draft Statement of Accounts 2017/18

Summary: This briefing highlights the availability of published material relating to the Council's draft Statement of Accounts 2017/18.

At the end of each financial year, the Council has to produce a set of accounts, which set out the costs of its financial activities for the preceding twelve months, the value of its assets and liabilities at 31 March of that year and supporting notes to help explain what these numbers mean. These accounts now have to go through an external audit before the final accounts are approved by the Audit and Governance Committee for publication.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) deadline of 31 May 2018 for completing the draft set of accounts and Annual Governance Report has been met. They are now available to read on the [Council's website](#) and they are also open to inspection from 1 June to 12 July.

Grant Thornton, the external auditors, will now start the audit ready for the final accounts to be presented at the July Audit and Governance Committee on 25 July 2018 for approval and publication on 31 July 2018.

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