

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**26th OCTOBER 2006**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR- FINANCE**

**FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2005-06**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report presents to the Audit Committee the Council's final Statement of Accounts for 2005/06 which is now due to be signed off by our external auditors, KPMG.
- 1.2 A presentation will follow where KPMG will present their main findings and summarises the audit work carried out in respect of the financial year 2005/06.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The draft Statement of Accounts for 2005/06 was presented to Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006. During the intervening period, the external audit has taken place resulting in a small number of amendments being made to the financial statements.
- 2.2 The updated Statement of Accounts is attached at Appendix 1 and is due to be signed off as "presenting fairly the financial position of the Council at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006".

**3. Accounting Adjustments**

- 3.1 The adjustments that have had an impact on the Council Fund Balance increasing the surplus for the year to £236k are detailed below:-

	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Council Fund Surplus as per Draft Accounts (19/07/06)</b>	<b>(47)</b>
National Insurance Class 1 Previous Year Write Off	91
Council Tax & NNDR Adjustment to Bad Debt Provision	(124)
Housing Benefits Adjustment to Bad Debt Provision	(156)
<b>Final Council Surplus as at 31st March 2006</b>	<b>(236)</b>

#### **4. Final Letter of Representation**

- 4.1 A Final Letter of Representation is required by the External Audit Manager to complete the process and enable the accounts to be signed. This is included as Appendix 2.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 It is recommended that Members:-

- Note the final updated Statement of Accounts 2005-06 (Appendix 1)
- Note and agree the Final Letter of Representation to KPMG (Appendix 2)

**Mr A. Phillips,CPFA**

**Assistant Director – Finance**

#### **Background Papers :**

Bridgend County Borough Council Statement of Accounts 2005/06