

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

24 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2006/07

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Council's final Statement of Accounts for 2006/07 which is now due to be signed off by our external auditors, KPMG.
- 1.2 KPMG will update Members by way of presentation on their main findings and summarise the audit work carried out in respect of the financial year 2006/07.

Connections to Corporate Improvement Plan

2. The Council's financial performance is an important element in determining the extent to which the Corporate Objectives can be delivered.

Background

- 3 The Statement of Accounts for 2006/07 was presented to Council on the 20 June 2007. During the intervening period, the external audit has taken place resulting in a small number of amendments being made to the financial statements.
- 3.1 The audited 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 31st March 2007" by 30 September 2007.

Current Situation

4. During the course of the audit a few accounting adjustments were identified which have been incorporated in the audited Statement of Accounts, the net effect being to increase the surplus on the Council Fund balance by £94k. These are detailed below:-

	£000
Council Fund Surplus – Pre audited Statement of Accounts	7,632Cr

Adj to Council Tax Bad Debt Provision	21Cr
Adj – Over Provision – Insurance Provision	141Cr
Adj – Reserve Creditors – Personal Services	68Dr
Council Fund Surplus – Audited Statement of Accounts	7,726Cr

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

5. Effect upon policy framework & procedural rules

5.1 This is a responsibility of the Audit Committee under the Constitution (Part 3, section 2 (a)).

6. Legal implications

6.1 The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 and The Accounts and Audit (Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2007.

7. Financial implications

7.1 These are reflected in the body of the report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that Members:-

- Note the audited Statement of Accounts 2006-07 (Appendix 1)
- Note and agree the Final Letter of Representation by KPMG (Appendix 2)

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Background Papers :

Bridgend County Borough Council Statement of Accounts 2006/07

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