

The Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The Council's Responsibilities

The Council is required: -

- To make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Council, that officer is the Strategic Director of Resources.
- To manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets
- To approve the Statement of Accounts.

The Responsibilities of the S151 Officer

The Section 151 Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Council's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ('the Code of Practice'). In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the S151 Officer has:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- Complied with the Code of Practice.

The S151 Officer has also:

- Kept proper accounting records which were up-to-date;
- Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that the Statement of Accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Paul Stone, Strategic Director of Resources
11/03/26

In accordance with Section 9 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 No 234, the Statement of Accounts shall be signed and dated by the Chair of the Audit Committee who presided at the meeting at which approval was given.

Certified by Chair of the Audit Committee:
