

AUDITED FINAL ACCOUNTS 2006/07

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Joan Hully
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Summary and Recommendation:

This report seeks approval of the Final Accounts for 2006/07 and for their publication.

Audit Committee are asked to recommend to Executive to approve the net underspend against budget of £113,000 be released back into available GF balances.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Accountancy and Audit regulations require local authorities to approve the Statement of Accounts (un-audited) for the financial year 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007, by 30th June 2007.
- 1.2. The accounts are completed and are presented in Appendix A. They include an Explanatory Foreword and Notes to the accounts.
- 1.3. The accounts follow the statutorily prescribed format. For presentation purposes some information has been added in graphical format. Also to aide and to try and make them more understandable to the reader, a glossary of terms has been included.
- 1.4. The annual audit was carried out by the Audit Commission and any material changes to be made to the accounts were reported back to Members in September 2007 following completion of the audit. These changes have been incorporated in the accounts as presented to the committee today for approval.
- 1.5. The full Statement of Internal Control (SIC) is required to be published with the Statement of Accounts. The SIC was reported to and approved by Audit Committee on 31st May 07 and is included in the body of the statement of accounts in Appendix A.
- 1.6. Reports were presented to Executive on 30th May 07, detailing the provisional outturn position for both revenue and capital expenditure.

- 1.7. A total of £551k was recommended to be carried forward into 2007/08 and it was approved by Executive on 30th May 2007. This left a net underspend against budget of £188k and Audit Committee recommended to Executive that £188k be released back into available General Fund balances which was approved.
- 1.8. Following adjustments to the accounts, this underspend has been reduced by £75k to £113k and Audit Committee are requested to recommended to Executive that the £113k be released back into available General Fund balances.
- 1.9. The 2006/07 Statement of Accounts reports an overall deficit for the year of £645k in the Income and Expenditure Account (I&E). The I&E is not the same account as the General Fund Budget. Any surplus/deficit reported in the I&E is a measure of financial performance taking account of non cash accounting entries such as the depreciation and impairment of assets and capital investment and does not take account of funding from reserves but includes the expenditure.
- 1.10. During 2007/08 financial year, Members of the Resource Planning Group will be working on aligning the budget strategy and the allocation of finance available to ensure that the objectives of the revised Corporate Plan are achieved.

3. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

- 3.1 Recommended carry forwards from the net under spend against the 2006/07 budget have been incorporated in the 2007/08 budget and general fund balances.

4. PROJECT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Council will review reserves and look at all uncommitted resources as part of the budget setting process. Issues raised during the Audit of the 2006/07 accounts, will be built into the departments action plans.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

- 5.1 Nothing arose from the audit that would impact negatively on the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan.

List of Appendix

Appendix A - Statement of Accounts year ended 31st March 2007.

List of Background Documents: Final Accounts Working Papers

List of Consultees: Corporate Team, Executive, and Accountancy

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	No issues
Impact on Sustainability	No issues
Impact on Rural Proofing	No issues
Health and Safety Implications	No issues
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	No issues
Children and Young Persons Implications	No issues
Human Rights Act Implications	No issues

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision Yes.