

**ction 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**

We acknowledge as the members of

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, that:

1. We have held in place arrangements to ensure that the management held the view and the responsibility of the accounting statements.		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.		
2. We have ensured that our system of internal control includes measures designed to prevent the detection and correction of errors, to detect and prevent fraud, and to detect and prevent non-compliance with laws, regulations and other applicable provisions that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.		
3. We have had in place arrangements to ensure that there are no significant areas of non-compliance with laws, regulations and other applicable provisions that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.				
4. We have provided proper arrangements during the year for the emergence of changes, significant developments and the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to present and ask questions about the authority's accounts.		
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the authority and the measures to manage those risks, including the measures of internal controls and/or external risk factors that might affect it.		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.		
6. We have maintained throughout the year or otherwise and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.		
7. We have taken appropriate action or all matters raised in reports from external and internal audit.		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.		
8. We have considered whether any significant liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.		
9. For local councils only: For all trusts including charitable, in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharge our accounting responsibilities for the local council, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman  
Clerk

and recorded as minute reference:

**ction 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 for**

	Year ending 31 March 2022	Year ending 31 March 2023	Notes and figures
1. Balances brought forward	53,031	80,114	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 1 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	43,665	43,350	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	3,963	6,145	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	15,513	11,332	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Includes gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	38,032	56,271	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash-book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	80,114	121,006	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2-3) - (4+5-6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	81,034	114,845	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	2,074,43	2,472,16	The value of all the property the authority owns - it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0		The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PMLB).

**For Local Councils Only**

	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)				The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – 2 Practitioners Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.  
Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

as recorded in minute reference:

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

*Deborah White*

Date 12.6.23