



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 20/34

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	4 December 2020
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Statement of Accounts 2019-20
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For information
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The draft Statement of Accounts for 2019-20 were approved by the Finance and Audit Committee on 17 September 2020 with the following resolution</p> <p><i>"Members approved the Statement of Accounts in principle and delegated authority to the Chairman to approve the final versions, subject to there being no material change to the version reported to the meeting".</i></p> <p>In consultation with the external auditor and our actuaries it has been necessary to update the financial disclosures in the statements to reflect adjusted liabilities in respect of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (FPS) following the publication of remedy proposals relating to the McCloud pensions case.</p> <p>The overall impact sees a reduction in liability in respect of McCloud totalling £2.1m. The total pension liability disclosed in the balance sheet has reduced from £522.6m to £520.5m. Note 4 to the Statement of Accounts (page 51 of Appendix A), notes this change as a post balance sheet event. Several other statements and notes are impacted by the change and all have been updated accordingly.</p>

	<p>No adjustment to the Statement of Accounts has been made in respect of the McCloud remedies and impact on the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). Similarly, no adjustments have been made in respect of the Goodwin pension case for either the FPS or LGPS. The estimate for these adjustments is c.£70k to £75k and both will be reflected as unadjusted misstatements in the Management Representation Letter that will be submitted to the auditor.</p> <p>The financial performance for the year, compared to the authorised budget, is unaffected by these changes.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	Financial sustainability remains a key focus as a strategic risk, and as such, the monitoring of the financial position is a critically important factor in financial planning and decision making for the Authority.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	Members are asked to approve the Statement of Accounts, including the Annual Governance Statement.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Medium Term Finance Plan 2019-23
APPENDICES	Appendix A - Statement of Accounts 2019-20
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