



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 21/35

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	15 September 2021
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Statement of Accounts 2020-21
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For information
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The draft Statement of Accounts for 2020-21 were presented to the Finance and Audit Committee on 28 July 2021.</p> <p>The final Statements have now been produced and Deloitte LLP, our external auditors, have substantially completed their audit work. Their report is elsewhere on the agenda and indicates that they expect to provide an unqualified audit opinion.</p> <p>The final Statements show no significant changes to the draft Statements that Members scrutinised in July 2021. The overall financial position, Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet totals remain unchanged. There have been a number of minor changes made throughout the Statements, but nothing of significance that needs to be drawn to the attention of Members.</p> <p>Page 23 of the external auditors' report includes details of three audit adjustments, one of which we have corrected. As Treasurer I am satisfied that there is no need to make any changes to the Statements in respect of the uncorrected adjustments.</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 2020-21, including the Annual Governance Statement.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Medium Term Finance Plan 2020-24
APPENDIX	Appendix A - Statement of Accounts 2020-21
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