

## AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Report Title	Draft Statement of Accounts 2019-2020 East Northants District Council	
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#### Appendix A – East Northants District Council Draft Accounts 2019/20

##### 1. Purpose of Report

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- 1.1. The Council's governance arrangements require the Audit and Governance Committee to receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for the former District and Borough Councils in North Northamptonshire.

##### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1. This report requires the Committee to approve the draft Statement of Accounts in relation to East Northants District Council for 2019/20.

##### 3. Recommendations

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- 3.1. It is recommended that the Committee;
- a) Note the draft Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2019/20 for East Northants District Council.
- 3.2. Reason for Recommendations –
- It is a statutory requirement for the Council to approve the annual Statement of Accounts and to consider the External Auditors Update (Item 8 on this Agenda). In accordance with the Council's constitution the Audit & Governance Committee are required to undertake this function.

## **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1. The accounts for East Northants District Council remain in draft format as the external audit is still on-going. Good progress is being made with this audit and to date no issues of significant have been reported by the Council's External Auditors and it is expected that the outcome of this audit will be reported to this Committee at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 4.2. Local Government accounts for 2019/20 are required to be prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 (the Code). The Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 for East Northants District Council are detailed at **Appendix A**.

## **5. Issues and Choices**

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- 5.1. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to approve the annual Statement of Accounts and to consider the External Auditors Audit Plan (Item 8 on this Agenda). In accordance with the Council's constitution the Audit & Governance Committee are required to undertake this function.

## **6. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **6.1. Resources and Financial**

- 6.1.1. The financial implications are set out within the Statement of Accounts.

### **6.2. Legal**

- 6.2.1. The approval of the accounts is required for the Council to meet its legal responsibilities under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

### **6.3. Risk**

- 6.3.1. The Council's External Auditors have set out the risks in their Audit Plan (Item 8 on this Agenda).

### **6.4. Consultation**

- 6.4.1. None specific to this report.

### **6.5. Consideration by Scrutiny**

- 6.5.1. Not specific to this report.

### **6.6. Climate Impact**

- 6.6.1. None specific to this report.

### **6.7. Community Impact**

6.7.1. None specific to this report.

## **7. Background Papers**

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7.1. Council Constitution.