

**Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director Resources and Community Safety**

Report to:	<b>Audit Committee</b>
Date:	<b>19 March 2012</b>
Subject:	<b>Update on progress addressing issues arising from the Closure of Accounts 2010-11</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides an update on progress made against the action plan reported to the Audit Committee on 19 December 2011.

**Recommendation(s):**

The Executive Director - Resources and Community Safety asks the Audit Committee to note progress against the action plan.

**Background**

The Audit Committee at its meeting on 31 October requested officers and the Council's partner Mouchel provide an action plan for the preparation of the 2011-12 Statement of Accounts that would ensure the problems encountered during the close down of the 2010-11 accounts was not repeated. This action plan was presented to and agreed by this committee on 19 December 2011.

This report provides an update on progress made against the action plan to the end of February 2012. A verbal report will be given at the meeting by a member of the Mouchel Team on the progress made to date including in respect of action points in the period from March 2012 onwards.

**Conclusion**

Overall progress against the action plan appears to be on target and the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2011-12 should be prepared for the statutory deadline of 30 June 2012. The accounts will be presented to the Audit Committee for scrutiny at its meeting on 9 July.

## Consultation

### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

## Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Closure of Accounts 2011-12 - Action Plan including progress to the end of February 2012.

## Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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