

## Regulatory and Other Committee

### Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection

Report to:	<b>Audit Committee</b>
Date:	<b>20 June 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Statement of Accounts 2015/16 - Risk Update</b>

#### Summary:

This report provides a summary of the key risks faced by the Council in producing the Statement of Accounts 2015/16 and progress in addressing these risks.

#### Recommendation(s):

The Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection asks Members of the Audit Committee to:

1. Note the key risks, actions and contingency arrangements identified for the production of the 2015/16 Statement of Accounts.

## Background

1.1 At its meeting on 21 March the Audit Committee were presented with a risk assessment for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts for 2015/16. This paper updates the risk analysis and provides the Committee with an update in progress preparing the Council Statement of Accounts for 2105/16.

### Closure of Accounts Risk Analysis

1.2 The challenges faced by the Council in the first year of using Agresso financial system are well documented. While the Authority continues to work on resolving the issues raised by the implementation of its new financial system there are a number of identifiable risks that may give rise to material misstatements in the accounts.

1.3 The risks originally identified and reported to the Audit Committee in March 2016 have been kept under review. **Appendix A** sets out the current position on the Closure of Accounts risks, alongside the actions that are being taken to mitigate them and, where possible, identify planned contingency arrangements.

For information, and to track progress a copy of the original risk analysis presented to this Committee on 21 March has been attached at **Appendix B**.

1.4 The risks are also being discussed with the external auditors (KPMG) to confirm the adequacy of the arrangements and potential implications for the audit of the accounts.

## **Conclusion**

2.1 The Statement of Accounts preparation is being closely monitored and tracked by officers and members. Members of the Audit Committee are asked to note the risk analysis for the Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.

## **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 2015/16 - Risk Analysis
Appendix B	Risk Analysis – 21 March 2016

## **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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