

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2001/2002
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 I attach for the Members of this Committee, the **audited** Annual Accounts of the Council for 2001/2002 together with the accounts of the DSOs. Further copies of the audited accounts are available in the Members' Library for information.

2. Financial Statements and Performance

- 2.1 The Council's Accounts have received a clear audit opinion which states they present fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2002. In addition, it is noted that all DSO operations achieved their required financial objective and as a result also received positive audit opinions.
- 2.2 My report of 21 August 2002 submitted to the Policy & Resources (Finance) Sub Committee on 3 September 2002 advised Members of the financial position of the Council following completion of the unaudited accounts which had been submitted to the Controller of Audit by the due date of 30 June 2002.
- 2.3 Following completion of the audit, I can report that the level of surplus detailed in my previous report remains unaltered at £15.67m on the General Fund Account and, £1.74m on the Housing Revenue Account.
- 2.4 In respect of the General Fund surplus, Members are advised that this includes the contingency provision as determined by the Council, resources already allocated as part of the 2002/2003 budget exercise and, the utilisation of £1.1m to take forward a number of Social Work initiatives.
- 2.5 The remaining balance to be carried forward amounts to £3.8m.

3. Final Report to Members

- 3.1 In keeping with normal practice, the External Auditor will prepare a Final Report to Members on the outcome of the audit work undertaken during the course of the year. It is anticipated that this report will be finalised over the coming weeks and in due course I will advise Members of any relevant matters noted during the audit process.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to note the audited accounts for 2001/2002 and refer them to the Council for its interest.



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