

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING ON 29TH JUNE, 2006

REPORT ON FINAL ACCOUNTS 2005/2006

COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Internal Organisational Theme
CORPORATE THEME:	Improving Corporacy & Performance
KEY PRIORITY:	Financial and Asset Management
STRATEGY:	Final Accounts
CABINET MEMBER:	Cllr. John Campion
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APPENDIX 1	Statement of Internal Control
APPENDIX 2	Explanation Paper on Statement of Accounts
APPENDIX 3	Appendix setting out an Explanation of Major Variations on Revised 2005/2006 Budgets
APPENDIX 4	Annual Efficiency Statement (Backward Look)
AN OPEN ITEM	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve a pre-audit copy of the Council's Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2005/2006, Statement of Internal Control and Annual Efficiency Statement (Backward Look).

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that :-

- 2.1 The Pre-Audit Statement of Accounts, 2005/2006, be approved.
- 2.2 The Statement of Internal Control be approved;
- 2.3 The Annual Efficiency Statement 2005/2006 (Backward Look) be approved for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government.
- 2.4 Note that the additional reserves of £486,000 generated from the 2005/2006 surplus will be reconsidered in accordance with the council's Finance Strategy, as part of the 2007/2010 Budget Process.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, which have been incorporated into the Council's Financial Regulations, require that the Council's Statement of Accounts be produced and approved before 30th June, 2006. A copy of the Statement for the financial year 2005/2006 has been made available on the Council's Intranet for Members perusal.
- 3.2 The Statement of Internal Control is contained within the Statement of Accounts. In accordance with 'Use of Resources' the Cabinet are requested to consider the contents independently from the Statement
- 3.3 The Statement is subject to audit as the Council's external auditor, KPMG, has until 30th September, 2006 to complete the audit; after which the Statement is to be published.
- 3.4 Should it be necessary for KPMG to agree minor technical changes with the Head of Financial Services while the accounts are subject to audit, these will be made under delegated powers and the Statement will then be published. All Members of the Council will be provided with a published copy of the Statement.
- 3.5 Members may wish to note that the Council's Accounts will be made available for public inspection as required by the Account and Audit Regulations 2003, between 17th July 2006 and 11th August 2006. KPMG will be available on the 14th August 2006, at the Financial Services Division, Duke House, if any local government elector for the area has any questions on the accounts that they wish to raise with them.
- 3.6 The closure of the accounts identified as surplus (subject to audit) over and above the revised budget of £486,000.
- 3.7 Appendix 1 gives a brief explanation of key components of the Statement of Accounts.
- 3.8 Appendix 2 summarises major variations from the Revised Budget for Members information.
- 3.9 Appendix 3 summarises the Council's Annual Efficiency Statement 2005/2006 (Backward Look) which identifies 'Efficiency Savings' identified in the Final Accounts in accordance with Department of Communities and Local Government guidelines.

4. KEY ISSUES

None.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The surplus of £486,000, over and above the revised budget, will be reconsidered in accordance with the Council's Finance Strategy, as part of the 2007/2010 Budget Process.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 The principle risk to the Council are non-achievement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 deadline, in respect of production and approval of Statement of Accounts before 30th June 2006, and qualification of the Accounts by the Council's External Auditors.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 In order to comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, the Council is required to consider and approve the Council's Statement of Accounts before 30th June 2006.

9. CONSULTEES

9.1 CMT.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003