

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (2)

**Meeting:** Cabinet

**Place:** Online

**Date:** Tuesday 16 March 2021

**Time:** 10.00 am

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## **Agenda Item 5 – Public Participation and Questions from Councillors**

### **Statements and Questions from Susan McGill**

**To Councillor Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance,  
Procurement and Commercial Investment**

#### **Statement 1**

As of 10 March 2021, Wiltshire Council's Statement of Accounts is still in draft form only.

#### **Question 1 (21-77)**

Please would you detail the reason(s) why this is the case?

#### **Response:**

A report was presented to the Audit & Governance Committee at its meeting on 10 February 2021 that gave an update on the Council's Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2019/20 and can be found [here](#).

During the latter part of December 2020, it became apparent that a significant proportion of audit queries on the 2019/20 accounts remained outstanding. A meeting was held between Deloitte, the council's external auditors, and council officers and due to the limited resources available to complete audit field work, and the appropriate review processes required before publication of papers it was agreed that to continue to work towards the February Audit and Governance Committee date for audit conclusion and a recommendation to approve the accounts was unachievable, and therefore, as per the report to the Committee, it was planned that the final audited 2019/20 Statement of Accounts would be presented to its next meeting in April.

#### **Question 2 (21-78)**

Please would you state the date by which the confirmed Statement will be published?

#### **Response:**

The report mentioned in the response to the previous question set out a commitment to continue to provide focus on resolving outstanding issues and work with a view to present the final audited Statement of Accounts to the Audit & Governance Committee at its next meeting in April for approval. The reported noted that additional

work was required by both council and audit staff to address the outstanding audit queries and complete the audit process and although a commitment has been made to progress to the next committee a risk remains that the outstanding work may not be completed in time to achieve this. The accounts will be presented to the next available Audit & Governance Committee following the completion of the audit, with a view that this is the next meeting in April.

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**To Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for  
Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and  
Communities**

**Statement 1**

As of 10 March 2021 the last Annual Governance Statement by Wiltshire Council is dated 2018/19.

**Question 1 (21-79)**

Please would you detail the reason(s) why the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 has not been published?

**Response:**

The Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 was agreed at the Audit and Governance committee on 18 November 2020 and can be viewed online [here](#).

**Question 2 (21-80)**

Please would you state the date by which the Governance Statement 2019/2020 will be published?

**Response:**

See response to question 1.

**Statement 2**

The Wiltshire Council Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 lists a large number of targets for improvement by the Council in the domains illustrated in this image from the Statement—



**Question 3 (21-81)**

Where may I find a report that specifies the interventions by the Council to achieve these targets?

**Response:**

This is included in the covering report for the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 agreed at the Audit and Governance committee on 18 November 2020 and can be viewed online [here](#).

**Question 4 (21-82)**

Given that more than a year has passed since those targets were set, where might I access a report that specifies the outcomes of those interventions to achieve the Council's targets?

**Response:**

The Audit and Governance Committee received a further quarterly update on progress on improvement actions at its meeting on 10 February.

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