

APPENDIX A AMENDED – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 wording amendment

Original wording included in AGS:

The Council has been working with the External Auditor to agree an approach to drawing the outstanding accounts to conclusion. The Council accepted an 'except for' qualification for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 accounts associated with the queries associated with the historic balances within the revaluation reserve and the capital adjustment account. The Council has accepted a disclaimer of opinion for the 2019/20 accounts and has implemented various improvements and additional controls to address the deficiencies reported by the External Auditor. Details of the auditor's opinion can be found in the auditor's ISA260 report.

Recommended wording:

The Council has been working with the External Auditor to agree an approach to drawing the outstanding accounts to conclusion. The Council accepted an 'except for' qualification for the 2018/19 accounts associated with the queries associated with the historic balances within the revaluation reserve and the capital adjustment account. The Council has accepted a disclaimer of opinion for the 2019/20 accounts and accepted a disclaimer of opinion for the 2020/21 accounts issued under the backstop regulations **as laid down by government legislation** and has implemented various improvements and additional controls to address the deficiencies reported by the External Auditor. Details of the auditor's opinion can be found in the auditor's ISA260 report.