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<b>Meeting:</b>	Audit Committee
<b>Meeting date:</b>	18 March 2021
<b>Title of report:</b>	Statement of Accounts 2019/20
<b>Report by:</b>	Interim Director of Financial Transformation
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Non-key
<b>Ward(s) to which report relates</b>	<b>All</b>

### **Executive Summary:**

The Council's draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20 have been subject to review by the external auditors, Mazars. The external audit has now concluded and the draft findings have been reported to the Audit Committee in January 2021. A final report from the external auditors can be found elsewhere on the agenda and confirms that the audit has now concluded.

The Council's Statement of Accounts 2019/20 have been updated to reflect the changes required and are now attached at Appendix 1 for approval by the Committee. The Council's Management Representation letter is attached at Appendix 2.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**That the audited Statement of Accounts 2019/20 and the Management Representation letter be approved.**

# Community impact / Contribution to the Bury 2030 Strategy

Ensuring that the statutory requirements placed on the Council are met.

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## Equality Impact and considerations:

24. *Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:*

*A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -*

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

25. *The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.*

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## Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

<b>Risk / opportunity</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
There are no specific risks and the Council is complying with statutory requirements.	

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## Consultation:

There are no consultation requirements.

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## **Legal Implications:**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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## **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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## **Background papers:**

2019/20 Audit Findings Report - Mazars

**Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.**

Term	Meaning