

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Pensions Committee
DATE	21 March 2025
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Statement of Accounts 2024/25 – Action Plan
REPORT NUMBER	PC/MAR25/ACCOUNTS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Andy MacDonald
CHIEF OFFICER	Jonathan Belford
REPORT AUTHOR	Laura Colliss
TERMS OF REFERENCE	3.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members with high level information and key dates in relation to the 2024/25 Statement of Accounts including linkages to the plans and timetables of the Council's External Auditors.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee: -

- 2.1 Note the main report for assurance.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 See attached main report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In terms of The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, there is a statutory requirement for the Council to produce both a draft and audited Statement of Accounts within certain timescales and to a high standard. This is a major task which requires co-operation and input from a large number of people across all services of the Council. It is only with the commitment of all staff that these high standards and deadlines can be met.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

7. RISK

7.1 The Pension Fund maintains its own Risk Management Policy and regularly updates its Risk Register in line with change. This is reported quarterly to the Pensions Committee.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) <small>*taking into account controls/control actions</small>	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	No significant risks identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Compliance	Failure to meet statutory requirement to produce draft and audited Statement of Accounts within certain timescales and to high standard.	Process and procedures in place to ensure teams work together to produce within timescales.	M	Yes
Operational	No significant risks identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financial	Possible financial penalties for failure to meet regulatory requirements.	Compliance monitoring and regular reporting to Pensions Committee.	M	Yes
Reputational	Failure to meet regulatory requirements may result in adverse publicity.	Processes and procedures in place based on the timetable set out in the attached report.	M	Yes
Environment / Climate	No significant risks identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A

8. OUTCOMES

8.1 The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	No assessment required. I can confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Jonathan Belford, Chief Officer-Finance on 10 th June 2024.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	N/A

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

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