

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF ASSERTIONS MADE IN THE
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

This statement is given in respect of the Statement of Accounts 2010/11.

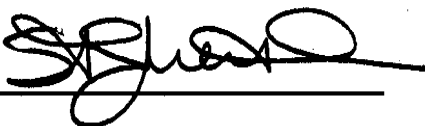
I acknowledge my responsibility for preparation of the Statement of Accounts in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2010: Based on International Financial Reporting Standards; and that the Accounts present a “true and fair view” of the financial position of the Council and of its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2011.

In doing so, the following have been done:

- A detailed closedown timetable (final accounts working paper 38) was prepared and approved by the Corporate Management Team, and communicated to all Services.
- Detailed Year-End Service Guidance Notes (final accounts working paper 35) were prepared and issued to all Services.
- Recommendations made by the Audit Commission following the audit of the 2009/10 Statement of Accounts have been reviewed and actioned where appropriate:
 - Housing and Planning Delivery Grant should be accounted for in accordance with the SORP guidance. The current SORP guidance is that the revenue element should be accounted for as a general government grant.
 - The calculation of the bad debt provision for council tax should be reviewed to ensure that it is based on the correct system reports.
 - Arrears for court costs should not be included as council tax debtors allocated across precepting authorities.
- Reconciliations have been carried out between the Council’s financial ledger (Integra) and the Revenues & Benefits system (iWorld).
- The trial balance (final accounts working paper 32) has been balanced.
- The total for each accountant as per the trial balance (final accounts working paper 32) has been agreed to the net total as per the ledger control sheets.
- The Total Service Expenditure as per the General Fund (final accounts working paper 20) has been agreed to the movement in the General Fund on the Integra General Ledger (final accounts working paper 21).

- The non-current assets entries in the Balance Sheet are in line with valuations and other known transactions.
- The entries within the Collection Fund have been agreed with other financial statements in the Statement of Accounts and the Council Tax set by both the Council on 18 February 2010 and other major precepting authorities.
- The total comprehensive income and expenditure for the year as shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement has been agreed to the Total Reserves movement reflected in the Balance Sheet.
- The movement in cash and cash equivalents as per the Cash Flow Statement has been agreed with the movement in the cash and cash equivalents balances as per the Balance Sheet.
- In preparing these Accounts due regard has been taken of Local Authority Accounting Panel (LAAP) Bulletin 88 (Closure of the 2010/11 Accounts and Related Matters), LAAP Bulletin 89 (Pension Indexation – Change from RPI to CPI) and LAAP Bulletin 82 Update 4 (Guidance on the Impairment of Deposits with Icelandic Banks).
- An Analytical Review with explanatory notes of significant variations between 2009/10 and 2010/11 has been prepared.
- The IFRS based code Final Accounts Disclosure Checklist 2010/11 will be completed when available.
- The Final Accounts Protocol 2010/11 produced by the Audit Commission will be completed.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.J. Shelton', written over a horizontal line.

Dated: 20 June 2011

S.J. Shelton, CPFA
Director of Finance