

**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 2015/16.

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 2015/16; 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 2016.

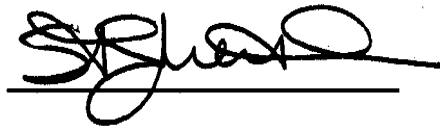
In doing so, the following have been done:

- A detailed closedown timetable (final accounts working paper 33) 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 our external auditors following the audit of the 2014/15 Statement of Accounts have been reviewed and actioned where appropriate.
- 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 31) has been balanced.
- The total for each accountant as per the trial balance (final accounts working paper 31) 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 19) has been agreed to the movement in the General Fund on the Integra General Ledger (final accounts working paper 20).
- 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 the Council on 17 February 2015 and other major precepting authorities.
- The total comprehensive income and expenditure for the year as shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (final

accounts working paper 15) has been agreed to the Total Reserves movement reflected in the Balance Sheet (final accounts working paper 9).

- 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 (final accounts working paper 9).
- An Analytical Review with explanatory notes of significant variations between 2014/15 and 2015/16 will be prepared prior to the commencement of the audit of the accounts.
- The Local authority financial reporting issues from 2014/15 produced by Grant Thornton will be completed when available.
- The Statutory Audit: Arrangement letter 2015/16 produced by Grant Thornton will be completed when available.

Signed:

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

Dated: 20 May 2016

S.J. Shelton, CPFA
Director of Finance and Transformation