

REPORT OF THE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Held on 19th September, 2003

Membership:

Councillors D.B. Wilcox (Chairman), Mrs. P.A. Andrews, G.V. Hyde, T.M. James, R.J. Phillips.

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Statutory Accounts Committee has been set up to approve the Council's Statement of Accounts. It is a statutory requirement that the Council's 2002/03 Statement of Accounts is formally approved by 30th September, 2003. This date will be brought forward each year over the next three years so that the approval deadline for the 2005/06 Statement will be 30th June, 2006.

The Committee has approved the Statement of Accounts including the final Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2002/03. It has also approved the formal signing of the Statement of Accounts by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Council. It has decided on appropriate arrangements for publishing the Statement, including making copies available in libraries, on the Council's website and on request. It has noted the information in respect of redundancies and early retirements.

2. HOUSING REPAIRS SERVICE

The Committee has received a detailed confidential report on the Housing Repairs Service following a significant overspend during 2002/03. The Committee noted that, although there had been an overspend, the money had been properly spent on repairs to the housing stock prior to transfer to Herefordshire Housing. The report included details of the position relating to disciplinary proceedings taken as a result of the overspend and the lessons learned and since put into practice including improved monitoring arrangements.

D.B. WILCOX
CHAIRMAN
STATUTORY ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Non-exempt agenda papers of the Meeting of the Statutory Accounts Committee held on 19th September, 2003.