



<u>Committee and Date</u>
West Mercia Energy Joint Committee
26 th September 2023

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Statement of Accounts 2022/23 and Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

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1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Joint Committee the Letter of Representation, the Statement of Accounts 2022/23 and the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Joint Committee is asked;

- a) To note the Letter of Representation to be signed by the Chairman and submitted by the Treasurer.
- b) To consider the finalised Statement of Accounts 2022/23 to be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer.
- c) To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

3.1 Details of the potential risks affecting the balances and financial health of WME are considered within the Statement of Accounts

4. Financial Implications

4.1 This report considers the overall financial position of WME in the form of the Statement of Accounts, the accounts consider the level of assets controlled by WME and the level of balances held.

5. Background

- 5.1 WME external auditors, WR Partners audited the accounts during July 2023.
- 5.2 WME is required to produce a Letter of Representation for the external auditors which provides assurance that the information submitted within the accounts is accurate and that all material information has been disclosed to the auditors. External audit will only sign off the accounts once this letter has been received. See Appendix 1
- 5.3 The Joint Committee is required to approve the annual Statement of Accounts by the 30th September after the findings of the audit are known. The Statement of Accounts are contained in Appendix 2.
- 5.4 The Statement of Accounts is accompanied by WME's Annual Governance Statement 2022/23, which details processes and procedures in place to enable WME to carry out its' functions effectively. See Appendix 3.

6 Publication of Accounts

- 6.1 Once signed, the annual Statement of Accounts 2022/23 will be available via the WME website.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
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<p>CIPFA Code of Practice (CODE) on Local Authority Accounting</p>
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<p>CIPFA/SOLACE guidance on the Annual Governance Statement</p>

<p>Joint Committee 28th September 2015 – Local Audit and Accountability Act</p>
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<p>Member</p>

<p>Councillor G Butler of Shropshire Council (Vice-chair of the Joint Committee)</p>
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<p>Appendices</p>

<p>1 - The Letter of Representation</p>

<p>2 - Statement of Accounts 2022/23</p>
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<p>3 - Annual Governance Statement 2022/23</p>
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