

The Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The Authority's Responsibilities

The Authority is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Authority, that officer is the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance;
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets;
- Approve the statement of accounts.

The Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance Responsibilities

The Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's statement of accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

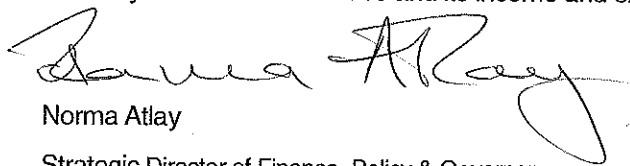
In preparing the statement of accounts, the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance has:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- Complied with the Code;
- Discussed all of the above with the Finance Portfolio Holder.

The Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance has also:

- Kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that the statement of accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at the 31 March 2016 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.



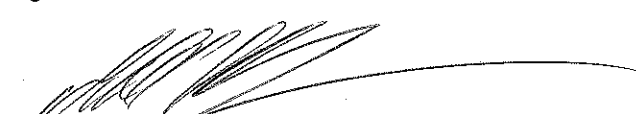
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Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance

The Chairman of the Approving Committee Responsibilities

I confirm that these accounts were approved by the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee at the meeting held on 22 September 2016. Signed on behalf of North Hertfordshire District Council:

Chairman of meeting approving the accounts:



Councillor M. Weeks, Chairman of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

Date: 22 September 2016