

Statement of Accounts 2025/26 and Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

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1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Joint Committee the Statement of Accounts 2025/26 and the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Joint Committee is asked to:

a) To consider the finalised Statement of Accounts 2025/26 to be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer

b) To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

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3 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 Details for the potential risks affecting the balances and financial health of WMS are considered within the statement of Accounts.

4 Financial Implications

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

5 Background

- 5.1 The Joint Committee is required to approve the annual Statement of Accounts by the 30th September. The Statement of Accounts are contained in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The Statement of Accounts is accompanied by WMS's Annual Governance Statement 2025/26, which details processes and procedures in place to enable WMS to carry out its' functions effectively. See Appendix 2

6 Statement of Accounts

- 6.1 The Statement of Accounts shows an Income & Expenditure balance of £0.550m (2024/25 £1.315m). The balance sheet shows total reserves of £0.291m which is a decrease from 2024/25 of £0.550m, due to a reduction in the pension reserve.
- 6.2 The Balance Sheet shows a Creditor balance of £0.001m and a corresponding debtor balance of £0.001m relating to the lead authority reconciliation balance.
- 6.3 The annual Statement of Accounts 2024/25 will be published on the Shropshire Council website following approval by the Joint Committee

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
Member Chair of the WMS Pension Joint Committee
Appendices 1. Statement of accounts 2. Annual Governance Statement