

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee

For the period ended 19th June 2014

**Comprising Council Areas:
Antrim Borough Council
Newtownabbey Borough Council**



Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Contents

Explanatory Foreword	3
Statement of the Statutory Transition Committee's and the Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts	5
Governance Statement	6
Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer	12
Council Approval of Statement of Accounts	12
Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee	13
Movement in Reserves Statement	15
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	16
Balance Sheet	17
Cash Flow Statement	18
Notes to the Financial Statements	19
Accounts Authorised for Issue Certificate	24

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Explanatory Foreword

Introduction

The Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee was formed pursuant to the powers conferred by the Local Government (Statutory Transition Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

These Regulations required each new Council area to establish a Statutory Transition Committee and the Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee was established on 25th July 2013 in accordance with this legislation.

The Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Committee is comprised of 16 Councillors, 8 from each of the two constituent Councils, namely:

- Antrim Borough Council
- Newtownabbey Borough Council

For the new council namely, Antrim and Newtownabbey District Council, the Statutory Transition Committee must:

- prepare a draft corporate and business plan;
- prepare a draft budget; and
- arrange the first meeting of the new Antrim and Newtownabbey District Council.

Financial Report

The Financial Statements for the period ended 19th June 2014 have been prepared in line with The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 (the Code) and the Department of the Environment (DOE) Accounts Direction, Circular LG 01/15. It is the purpose of this foreword to explain, in an easily understandable way, the financial facts in relation to the Statutory Transition Committee for this period. However, the financial statements follow approved accounting standards and are necessarily technical in parts.

The Financial Statements explain the Statutory Transition Committee's finances during the financial period ended 19th June 2014 and its financial position at the end of that period.

The following statements provide further information:

- The Movement in Reserves Statement, as set out on page 15 shows the movement in the year on the reserves held by the Statutory Transition Committee. The surplus or (deficit) on the provision of services line shows the true economic cost of providing the Statutory Transition Committee's services.
- The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, as set out on page 16, shows the income earned and the expenditure incurred during the period by the Statutory Transition Committee in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. This includes details of funding received

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

from Government bodies and participating Councils, together with details of administrative expenditure incurred by the Statutory Transition Committee.

- The Balance Sheet, as set out on page 17, shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the Statutory Transition Committee's assets and liabilities. The net assets of the Statutory Transition Committee (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the Statutory Transition Committee.
- The Cash Flow Statement, as set out on page 18, shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Statutory Transition Committee during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Statutory Transition Committee generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities.

For the period ended 19th June 2014 the Statutory Transition Committee accounted for grant income of £14,983, Council contributions of £317,199, other income of £10,822 and incurred total costs of £343,004. The financial activities of the Statutory Transition Committee are wholly funded by Government Bodies and the participating Councils, therefore resulting in a £nil surplus/deficit for the period.

Legislative Context for Preparation and Audit of the Financial Statements

Section 15(8)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (NI) 2010 provides that a Statutory Transition Committee is a local government body for the purposes of Part 2 of the Local Government (NI) Order 2005. The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, Article 3, provides that:

The accounts of every local authority government body shall be:

- a) made up to the end of each financial year; and
- b) audited in accordance with Part 2 by a local government auditor designated by the Department, after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland.

Article 24 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 provides that the Department may issue regulations as to accounts and audit. In this regard the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 were made on 7 March 2006.

The Accounts Direction, issued by the Department of the Environment under Regulation 4 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations 2006 requires the Statutory Transition Committee to prepare accounts. These Financial Statements cover the period from 1st April 2014 to 19th June 2014 and have been prepared in compliance with the Direction.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Statement of the Statutory Transition Committee's and the Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The Statutory Transition Committee's Responsibilities

As Statutory Transition Committees will cease to exist on 19 June 2014, the Department has made provisions in the Local Government (Transitional, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, to modify the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (NI) 2006 (S.R. 2006 No.89) to facilitate the preparation, approval and signing of the Statutory Transition Committee accounts by the chief financial officer (CFO) of the new council, namely, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

Under Section 1 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 a Council shall make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs. A council shall designate an officer of the council as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Arrangements made by a council for the proper administration of its financial affairs shall be carried out under the supervision of its Chief Financial Officer.

Under Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is required by resolution to approve these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the Chief Financial Officer of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council on 29 June 2015.

The Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities

Under Regulation 4(1) of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Statutory Transition Committee's Statement of Accounts in the form directed by the Department of the Environment.

The accounts must give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure for the financial period and the financial position as at the end of the financial period.

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Chief Financial Officer is required to:-

- observe the Accounts Direction issued by the Department of the Environment;
- follow relevant accounting and disclosure requirements and apply suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis; and
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The Chief Financial Officer is also required to:-

- keep proper accounting records that are up-to-date; and
- take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Governance Statement

Introduction

According to the Regulations, the primary role of the Statutory Transition Committee was to undertake preparatory duties to inform the key decisions of the new incoming Council following local government elections in May 2014.

The Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee was required by the Local Government (Statutory Transition Committees) Regulations 2013 to gather information and consider and advise on matters relevant to ensuring the new Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council would be able to adopt its full range of powers and functions from 1st April 2015.

Under the terms of the Statutory Transition Committee, Newtownabbey Borough Council was established as the Lead Council for the Statutory Transition Committee. The Agreement delegates administrative responsibility to the Lead Council, for fulfilling the obligations in relation to the delivery of the Statutory Transition Committee objectives within the Antrim and Newtownabbey cluster area. This includes responsibility for ensuring the sound financial management of funds allocated to the cluster, for the overall co-ordination and implementation of the Statutory Transition Committee Plan for the cluster and the preparation and submission of periodic progress reports, interim reports and final reports to the Statutory Transition Committee and the Department.

The Statutory Transition Committee is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Statutory Transition Committee also has a duty under Local Government (Best Value) Act (NI) 2002 to make arrangements for continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

In discharging this overall responsibility, the Statutory Transition Committee is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

The Statutory Transition Committee is required to prepare an Annual Governance Statement, which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework: Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. This statement explains how the Statutory Transition Committee meets the requirements of Regulation 2A of the Local Government Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland 2006) in relation to the publication of a statement on internal control.

The purpose of the governance framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the Statutory Transition Committee is directed and controlled and the activities through which the Statutory Transition Committee accounts to and engages with the community. It enables the Statutory Transition Committee to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate cost-effective services.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Statutory Transition Committee's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework has been in place for the financial period ended 19th June 2014 and up to the date of approval of the Financial Statements.

The Governance Framework

This section provides a summary of the key elements of the systems and processes that comprise the Statutory Transition Committee's governance arrangements. As noted below, the governance arrangements for the Statutory Transition Committee are supported by the overall governance framework set by Newtownabbey Borough Council, in its role as Lead Council.

The Chief Executive for the Lead Council has responsibility for maintaining a system of sound internal controls and risk management processes to support the Statutory Transition Committee in the achievement of its objectives, and for reviewing their effectiveness. The systems of controls are based on a continual process designed to identify the principal risks to the achievement of the project objectives, to evaluate the nature and extent of those risks and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

A copy of the full Governance Statement for Newtownabbey Borough Council is published in its own Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Overall control of the governance framework and system of internal controls is the responsibility of the Statutory Transition Committee.

Arrangements for identifying and communicating the Statutory Transition Committee's vision of its purpose and intended outcomes for citizens and service users

A consultation exercise with Elected Members and Senior Officers supported the development of the Statutory Transition Committee's vision of its purpose and intended outcomes as set out in the Statutory Transition Committee Corporate Plan. A copy of this was available to the public on each of the participant Council's websites and hard copies were also made available on request.

Arrangements for reviewing the Statutory Transition Committee's vision and its implications for the Statutory Transition Committee's governance arrangements

Progress made against the Statutory Transition Committee Plan is reviewed on a regular basis and formally reported by way of periodic progress reports, interim reports and final reports to the Statutory Transition Committee.

Arrangements for defining and documenting the roles and responsibilities of the executive, non-executive, scrutiny and officer functions, with clear delegation arrangements and protocols for effective communication

As a statutory body, the Statutory Transition Committee performs a number of functions that are provided for in legislation. The Statutory Transition Committee takes overall accountability for discharging these functions and delegates responsibility for making recommendations regarding the implementation of the Statutory Transition Committee Plan to the constituent Councils. The Partnership Agreement sets out the roles and responsibilities for Newtownabbey Borough Council as the Lead Council for the Statutory Transition Committee.

The Statutory Transition Committee has designated as its Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Financial Officer for the Lead Council.

Arrangements for developing, communicating and embedding codes of conduct, defining the standards of behaviour for members and staff

The Lead Council has a wide range of policies and procedures, which are subject to on-going review and include the standards of behaviour expected from all employees. The Councils have adopted the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Conduct. All policies and procedures are communicated to employees through induction and other on-going training initiatives. The Statutory Transition Committee is fully compliant with all these policies and procedures.

Arrangements for reviewing and updating standing orders, standing financial instructions, a scheme of delegation and supporting procedure notes/manuals, which clearly define how decisions are taken and the processes and controls required to manage risks

The role of Newtownabbey Borough Council as Lead Council to the Statutory Transition Committee is conducted in accordance with its own system of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Policies and Procedures, as amended through guidance issued by the Department. Any changes to these documents require formal approval by the Council.

In addition, the formal mechanisms by which the Statutory Transition Committee regulates the conduct of its meetings are set out in the Consortium and Partnership Agreements. These arrangements are subject to review and update as necessary in response to the changing environment and the needs of the Statutory Transition Committee and the Department. Policies and procedures developed and adopted by the Statutory Transition Committee are subject to continuous review.

To facilitate risk management, the Lead Council has developed Corporate Risk Registers together with Departmental Risk Registers, which are subject to formal review and update at least twice yearly. This approach includes risk management processes and internal controls to the Statutory Transition Committee to ensure proper stewardship of resources.

Arrangements for undertaking the core functions of an Audit Committee, as identified in CIPFA's Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities

The Lead Council has in place an Audit Committee whose overall purpose and objective is to assist Council in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The Audit Committee, which meets at least three times each year, has responsibility for reviewing:

- The system of internal control and management of risks;
- The financial reporting process;
- The internal and external audit process;
- Council's processes for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations; and

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

- Council's processes for monitoring compliance with its own Standing Orders, policies and procedures.

The Lead Council's Audit Committee remit is not to act as the Audit Committee for the Statutory Transition Committee. Instead, it oversees the role of Newtownabbey Borough Council as Lead Council of the Statutory Transition Committee. All governance and audit issues are reported directly to the Statutory Transition Committee.

Arrangements for ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations, internal policies and procedures, and ensuring that expenditure is lawful

The Statutory Transition Committee regularly review progress made and issues arising by way of periodic progress reports, interim reports and final reports. Improved processes regarding eligibility of expenditure, compliance with letters of offer and the issue of amendments have been reviewed, updated and implemented during the 2014/15 financial period.

The Lead Council retains a panel of specialist legal advisors to provide expertise, advice and guidance as required. In addition, recommendations as outlined in internal and external audit reports enable the Lead Council to ensure compliance is maintained.

Arrangements for whistle-blowing and for receiving and investigating complaints from the public

The Lead Council's Anti- Fraud and Corruption Policy sets out whistle-blowing arrangements. The procedure sets out the arrangements where employees wish to make disclosures whilst remaining protected from action by their employer.

The handling of complaints is set out in the Council's Complaints Procedure, a copy of which was published on the Council's website.

These arrangements extend to the role of Newtownabbey Borough Council as Lead Council to the Statutory Transition Committee.

Arrangements for identifying the development needs of members and senior officers in relation to their strategic roles, supported by appropriate training

Newtownabbey Borough Council operates an Employee Development Scheme aimed at ensuring that Officers receive regular and appropriate training to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities. This scheme applies to Officers tasked with the delivery of the role of Newtownabbey Borough Council as Lead Council to the Statutory Transition Committee.

Review of effectiveness

The Statutory Transition Committee has responsibility for conducting a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness was informed by the work of the Statutory Transition Committee's Officers, who have responsibility for supporting the Committee in the development and maintenance of the governance environment and also by recommendations made by auditors from the Department, the Audit Authority and other external auditors.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Overall control of the governance framework and system of internal controls is the responsibility of the Statutory Transition Committee. Regular meetings, policy documents and periodic progress reports enabled the Statutory Transition Committee to examine and evaluate the progress made and address issues affecting the implementation of the Statutory Transition Committee Plan.

The Chief Executive for the New Council has responsibility for the preparation of this Annual Governance Statement. In preparing this statement, they have considered the governance framework and system of internal controls in place. This review has been undertaken taking account of Guidance on the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland)

(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 issued by the Department of the Environment in February 2008.

The Chief Executive of Newtownabbey Borough Council leads the Council's Senior Management Team to collectively have involvement in and oversight of the processes involved in maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the governance framework, this includes the delivery of the Council's responsibilities as Lead Council for the Statutory Transition Committee. Progress on the implementation of the Statutory Transition Committee Plan and issues arising are reviewed and reported to the Councillors by way of Council reports.

In producing this statement, full regard has been made to Newtownabbey Borough Council's Corporate Risk Register and to Statements of Assurance provided by each Director to the Chief Executive.

The Lead Council undertook an annual review of the effectiveness of Internal Audit in line with the requirements of the Public Section Internal Audit Standards. This review proved satisfactory.

The Chief Executive for the Lead Council has advised the Statutory Transition Committee of the results and implications of the review of the effectiveness of the governance framework.

Significant governance issues

There were no significant governance issues noted

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

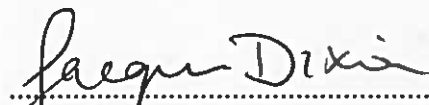
Local Government Reform

From 1 April 2015, under the Reform of Local Government (RLG), the number of Councils in Northern Ireland will reduce from the 26 existing to 11 new Councils, established under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. From that date the Northern Ireland Executive has agreed to transfer some functions currently carried out by NI Government Departments and give some new responsibilities to the 11 new Councils. The new councils will be stronger, more efficient and will deliver more effective services.

The Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 introduced the legislative frame work for Northern Ireland's 11 new councils and has made transitional provisions to provide for the transfer of staff, assets and liabilities from the current 26 councils to the 11 new councils, and from departments transferring functions to the new councils.

The function of this Statutory Transition Committee was to lead the convergence between the merging councils and commence preparatory work for the new council, to inform the key decisions of the new council following local government elections in May 2014. This work has now been completed and the Statutory Transition Committee ceased to exist on 19 June 2014.

Signature

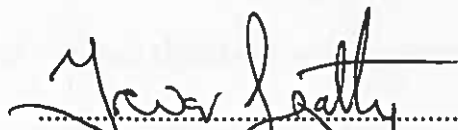


.....
Jacqui Dixon
Chief Financial Officer

Date

26/10/15

Signature



.....
Councillor Trevor Beatty
Chairman of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough
Council Audit Committee

Date

26/10/15

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer

I certify that :-

- a) The Statement of Accounts for the financial period ended 19th June 2014 on pages 15 to 23 has been prepared in the form directed by the Department of the Environment and under the accounting policies set out on page 19.

- b) In my opinion the Statement of Accounts give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial period and the financial position as at the end of the financial period.

Signature 
Jacquie Dixon
Chief Financial Officer

Date 26/10/15

Council approval of Statement of Accounts

These accounts were approved by resolution of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council on 29 June 2015 and have been subject to the amendments set out on page 24.

Signature 
Councillor Trevor Beatty
Chairman of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Audit Committee

Date 26/10/15

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY STATUTORY TRANSITION COMMITTEE

I have audited the financial statements of Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee for the period ended 19 June 2014 under the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005. The financial statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them.

This report is made solely to the Members of Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee in accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and for no other purpose, as specified in the Statement of Responsibilities.

Respective responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer and the independent auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee's and Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial period and the financial position as at the end of the financial period. My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Local Government Code of Audit Practice. I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me and my staff to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Statement of Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with relevant legal and statutory requirements, of the financial position of Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee as at 19th June 2014 and its income and expenditure for the period then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and the Department of the Environment directions issued thereunder.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion the information given in the Explanatory Foreword for the financial period ended 19th June 2014 is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which I report to you if, in my opinion:

- The Governance Statement:
 - does not comply with proper practices specified by the Department of the Environment;
 - is misleading or inconsistent with other information I am aware of from my audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the statement of accounts is not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all of the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Certificate

I certify that I have completed the audit of accounts of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Local Government Code of Audit Practice.



Louise Mason

Local Government Auditor
Northern Ireland Audit Office
106 University Street
Belfast
BT7 1EU

27 October 2015

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Movement in Reserves Statement

	Total Usable Reserves	Total Unusable Reserves	Total Reserves
	£	£	£
At 25th July 2013	-	-	-
Movement in reserves during the year			
Surplus or deficit on provision of services	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-
At 31st March 2014	-	-	-
Movement in reserves during the year			
Surplus or deficit on provision of services	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-
At 19th June 2014	-	-	-

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

	Notes	01/04/14 to 19/06/15 £	25/07/13 to 31/03/14 £
Income			
Participating Councils	3	317,199	54,436
Other Income		10,822	-
Government Grant	4	14,983	81,619
Total Income		<u>343,004</u>	<u>136,055</u>
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	5	117,794	68,930
Running Costs		9,094	26,848
Capacity Building		4,408	36,777
Election Expenditure		211,267	-
Audit Fee	6	441	3,500
Other Expenses		-	-
Total Expenditure		<u>343,004</u>	<u>136,055</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) on the provision of Services		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Balance Sheet

	Notes	19 June 2014 £	31 March 2014 £
Short Term Debtors	7	211,622	84,930
Cash and Cash Equivalents		22,725	(58,664)
Current Assets		<u>234,347</u>	<u>26,266</u>
Short Term Creditors	9	234,347	26,266
Current Liabilities		<u>234,347</u>	<u>26,266</u>
Net Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Usable Reserves		-	-
Unusable Reserves		-	-
Net Worth		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	2014/15 £	2013/14 £
Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services		-	-
Adjustments to surplus or deficit on the provision of services for noncash movements	8	81,389	(58,664)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		<u>81,389</u>	<u>(58,664)</u>
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		-	-
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>81,389</u>	<u>(58,664)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		(58,664)	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>22,725</u></u>	<u><u>(58,664)</u></u>

1 Accounting Policies

General Principles

The Financial Statements summarise the Statutory Transition Committee's transactions for the 2014/15 financial period and its position at the end of 19th June 2014. The Statutory Transition Committee is required to prepare Financial Statements in a form directed by the Department of the Environment in accordance with regulations 4 (1) and (2) in the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2014/15 and the Service Reporting Code of Practice 2014/15 supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. The accruals basis of accounting requires the non-cash effect of transactions to be reflected in the Financial Statements for the year in which those effects are experienced and not in the year in which the cash is actually received or paid. This ensures that provision has been made for known outstanding debtors and creditors at the year end, estimated amounts being used where actual figures are not available.

Government Grants and Contributions

Whether paid on account, by instalments or in arrears, government grants and third party contributions and donations are recognised as due to the Statutory Transition Committee when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Statutory Transition Committee will comply with the conditions attached to the payments, and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due are not credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement until conditions attaching to the grant or contribution have been satisfied.

Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors.

Value Added Tax

VAT is included within the accounts only to the extent that it is irrecoverable.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

2a The Segmental Report

	DOE Funding £	Cluster Funding £	2014/15 Total £
Current Year			
Income from Participating Councils	-	317,199	317,199
Government Grants	14,983	-	14,983
Other Income	-	10,822	10,822
Total Income	14,983	328,021	343,004
Staff Costs	9,990	107,804	117,794
Running Costs	-	9,094	9,094
Capacity Building	4,993	(585)	4,408
Election Expenditure	-	211,267	211,267
Audit Fee	-	441	441
Other Expenses	-	-	-
	14,983	328,021	343,004
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-

2b The Segmental Report

	DOE Funding £	Cluster Funding £	2013/14 Total £
Comparative Year			
Income from Participating Councils	-	54,436	54,436
Government Grants	81,619	-	81,619
Total Income	81,619	54,436	136,055
Staff Costs	45,455	23,475	68,930
Running Costs	-	26,848	26,848
Capacity Building	36,164	613	36,777
Election Expenditure	-	-	-
Audit Fee	-	3,500	3,500
Other Expenses	-	-	-
	81,619	54,436	136,055
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	-	-	-

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

3 Income from Participating Councils

	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
Antrim Borough Council	158,599	27,218
Newtownabbey Borough Council	158,600	27,218
	<u>317,199</u>	<u>54,436</u>

4 Government Grants

	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
Change Manager Funding	9,990	45,455
Member/Staff Capacity Building	4,993	36,164
	<u>14,983</u>	<u>81,619</u>

5 Staff Costs

	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
Salaries	100,330	50,565
National Insurance	4,162	4,166
Pension Costs	9,163	9,871
Agency Staff Costs	4,139	4,328
	<u>117,794</u>	<u>68,930</u>

	2014/15	2013/14
	FTE	FTE
Total Staff Numbers	3.7	2.3

	Actual	Actual
	Numbers	Numbers
Full-time numbers employed	2	2
Part-time numbers employed	2	3
Agency Staff numbers	1	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

6 External Audit Fees

	2014/15	2013/14
	£	£
External Audit Fees	2,000	3,500
Over charge in prior year	(1,559)	-
Other Fees	-	-
	<u>441</u>	<u>3,500</u>

Antrim and Newtownabbey Statutory Transition Committee – Statement of Accounts for the period ended 19th June 2014

7 Short Term Debtors	19 June 2014	31 March 2014
	£	£
Government Departments	14,983	57,712
Councils	185,818	27,218
Other	10,821	-
	<u>211,622</u>	<u>84,930</u>

The Statutory Transition Committee does not have a bank account. All financial transactions are administered by the Lead Council or the constituent Councils directly. £234,347 represents the amount due to the Lead Council as at 19th June 2014.

8 Cash Flow	2014/15	2013/14
Analysis of Adjustments to Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services	£	£
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(126,692)	(84,930)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	208,081	26,266
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>81,389</u>	<u>(58,664)</u>

9 Short Term Creditors	19 June 2014	31 March 2014
	£	£
Receipts in Advance	-	-
Accruals	234,347	26,266
Other	-	-
	<u>234,347</u>	<u>26,266</u>

10 Related Party Transactions

A Related Party Transaction is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged. Related Party Transactions exclude transactions with any other entity that is a related party solely because of its economic dependence on the Joint Committee or the Government of which it forms part.

A related party is one that has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. This includes cases where the related party entity and another entity are subject to common control but excludes providers of finance in the course of their normal business with the Joint Committee and Trade Unions in the course of their normal dealings with the Joint Committee.

In addition where the relationship with the Statutory Transition Committee and the entity is solely that of an Agency, these are not deemed to be Related Party Transactions.

Members of Statutory Transition Committee

During the year there were no transactions with a company, partnership, trust or entity which generated a related party transaction in which a member of Statutory Transition Committee had a controlling interest.

During the year the Statutory Transition Committee paid £NIL for services provided by a member of the close family of a member of the joint committee.

It may be noted that members' pecuniary interests, direct or indirect, which could conflict with those of the Statutory Transition Committee are open to inspection as required by Section 28 Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.

Other material related party transactions

Newtownabbey Borough Council has agreed to act as the Lead Council for the Statutory Transition Committee for Antrim and Newtownabbey District Council. To this end Newtownabbey Borough Council has accepted an offer of funding from Department of Environment totalling £145,455 (2014 £80,455) to fund expenditure relating to Change Manager (staff costs) and Staff Capacity Building for the 2014/15 financial year. During the accounting period Newtownabbey Borough Council administered payments of £343,004 (2014 £136,055), grant income of £14,983 (2014 £81,619) from DOE and other income of £328,021 (2014 £54,436). A net amount of £22,725 (2014 £58,664 owed by) was owed to Statutory Transition Committee by the Lead Council as at 19 June 2014.

Antrim Borough Council and Newtownabbey Borough Council, under The Local Government (Statutory Transition Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, provided the Statutory Transition Committee with accommodation, administrative staff and support, facilities and financial management necessary to carry out its duties in an effective manner, at no cost to the Committee.

Accounts Authorised for Issue

In accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS 10) this Statement of Accounts which contains a material amendment from the Accounts approved on 29 June 2015 is at today's date hereby authorised for issue. The material amendment will be explained and reported in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

IAS 10 sets out

- The period during which an entity should adjust its financial statements for events after the balance sheet date as being the period between the date the financial statements were prepared and the date of this authorisation; and
- In the event of adjustments the disclosures that should be made.

The material amendment is as follows:

Net expenditure of £225,247 relating to the Local Government Elections held on the 22 May 2014 has been adjusted.

This resulted in an increase in expenditure of £225,247 and a corresponding increase in income. The net effect of these adjustments resulted in no change in the result for the period.

Signature.....


Jacqui Dixon
Chief Financial Officer

Date

26/10/15