

Agenda Item	5
Report No	AS/7/22

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 28 September 2022

Report Title: **Audited Accounts 2021/22**

Report By: Head of Corporate Finance

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 To present the audited accounts of The Highland Council for financial year 2021/22
- 1.2 To explain the impact of changes made during the audit process

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
 - i. Approve the audited accounts for signature

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource - The audited accounts document provides detail of the overall financial position for the Council as at 31st March 2022. Section 5.1 of this report summaries the changes arising as a result of the external audit process.
- 3.2 Legal – none
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) – none
- 3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – none
- 3.5 Risk – none
- 3.6 Gaelic - none

4. Annual Accounts

- 4.1 The full Annual Accounts document for 2021/22 can be found at the following link on the Council's website:

[Annual accounts | Audited Accounts April 2021 to March 2022 \(highland.gov.uk\)](https://www.highland.gov.uk/annual-accounts)

5. Effect of Changes

- 5.1 The corrected misstatements listed in the Audit Report were required in order to comply with proper accounting practice. In the main the changes have not impacted on the level of resources available to The Council Group: the changes have had an overall impact to increase the value of net assets shown in the balance sheet.

Regarding usable reserves the only impact was on the Capital Fund. The change involved income being recorded as a creditor rather than income in the year and resulted in a reduction in the Capital Fund of £1.207m in 2021/22. These funds will be available to the Capital Fund on completion of the transaction.

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Background Papers:

[Highland Council Draft Annual Account 2122](#)