# Agenda Item 10 Final Accounts 2017/18

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#### Falkirk Council

Title: Final Accounts 2017/18

Meeting: Falkirk Council

Date: 19 September 2018

Submitted By: Director of Corporate & Housing Services

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that approval of the Annual Accounts for 2017/18 is delegated to the Audit Committee.

#### 2. Recommendations

## 2.1 Council is asked to delegate the approval of the 2017/18 Annual Accounts to the Audit Committee

#### 3. Background

3.1 The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 require that a local authority, or committee of that authority must meet to consider the audited Annual Accounts and approve these accounts for signature no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 4. Considerations

4.1 Standing Orders set out the delegations in respect of the unaudited and audited accounts. While the Audit Committee considers the audited accounts approval is reserved to Council. The process for preparing and auditing the accounts is not yet complete and in order to allow time for the process to be completed it is proposed that the authority to approve the accounts is delegated to the Audit Committee. A special meeting of the Audit Committee has been arranged for 27 September for this purpose.

#### 5. Consultation

5.1 No formal consultation has taken place.

#### 6. Implications

#### Financial

6.1 No financial implications arise from the report recommendations.

#### Resources

6.2 No resource implications arise from the report recommendations.

Legal

6.3 No legal implications arise from the report recommendations.

Risk

6.4 No risks have been identified from the report recommendations.

#### Equalities

6.5 No equalities issues arise

#### Sustainability/Environmental Impact

6.6 A sustainability assessment was not required.

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### Appendices

None

#### List of Background Papers:

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

• None