

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 for one of its officers to be responsible for the administration of those affairs. In Harborough District Council, this is the Section 151 Officer;
- to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets; and
- approve the statement of accounts.

Section 151 Officer's Responsibilities

The Section 151 Officer is responsible for preparing Harborough District Council's Statement of Accounts to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2018, according to the CIPFA / LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have prepared the accounts of the Council to comply with all legislative requirements and in accordance with the above Code of Practice.

I have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code of Practice;
- kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities;
- used the going concern basis of accounting on the assumption that the functions of the Authority will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future; and
- maintained such internal control as I have determined necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

I certify that the Statement of Accounts gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Harborough District Council as at 31 March 2018 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Simon Riley, CPFA

Section 151 Officer

Date: 25 July 2018