THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council is required:

- To make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Council that officer was the Strategic Director of Resources. Throughout 2010/11 that officer was Julie Evans.
- To manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- To approve the Statement of Accounts.

THE SECTION 151 OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Section 151 Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Council's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Council Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

I certify that in preparing this Statement of Accounts, I have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code;
- · kept proper accounting records which were up to date; and
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that the Statement of Accounts set out on the following pages present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31st March 2011 and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2011.

Julie Évans, CPFA (Chartered Public Finance Accountant)

Strategic Director of Resources & Regeneration

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Date: 19 / 10 / 11