

For information

Finalised Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18

Agenda: 14
HEFCW/18/78

Disclosable

20/09/2018

1 Issue

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide Council with confirmation that the draft annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 discussed at the last meeting, were subsequently approved and signed.

2 Rationale for paper

- 2.1 The draft annual report and accounts were discussed at Council in July. Council delegated authority jointly to the Chair of Council and the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to approve any subsequent changes to the accounts prior to the Chief Executive's approval and signing of the accounts.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Council is invited to:
- i. Note the content of the signed annual report and accounts.

4 Timing for decisions

- 4.1 The Council is not required to make any decision as this paper is for information only.

5 Council members' interests

- 5.1 No conflicts of interests have been declared in advance of the meeting.

6 Further information

- 6.1 Contact Nick Williams, Head of Corporate Services (029 2085 9646; nick.williams@hefcw.ac.uk).

7 Completion of annual report and accounts following Council's July meeting

- 7.1 Subsequent to the July Council meeting, two minor amendments to the wording of the annual report and accounts were made, one an amendment to the wording of the auditor's report at the direction of the Wales Audit Office and the other a minor typographical correction.
- 7.2 The annual report and accounts were approved and signed by the Chief Executive on 12 July and by the Auditor General for Wales on 18 July and are attached as **Annex A**.

8 Financial implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this paper.

9 Communications implications

- 9.1 The annual report and accounts were laid before the National Assembly for Wales. There is currently a link on our website to the Assembly's website to access these accounts. The English version of the document is currently in the process of being translated into Welsh and both versions are expected to be published on HEFCW's website by the end of September.

10 Diversity and Equal Opportunities implications

- 10.1 This paper has no implications for age, disability, marital/civil partnership, maternity/pregnancy, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, any other protected characteristic or the Welsh language.

11 Risk Assessment

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Risk	Action to address risk
HEFCW fails to prepare annual accounts in accordance with the direction by Welsh Ministers.	2017-18 accounts have been audited and signed and submitted to the Welsh Government.