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DRAFT UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

I confirm that the Draft Unaudited Statement of Accounts presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority as at 31st March 2025 and the authority's income and expenditure for the year 2024/25

The draft Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

RICHARD BATES, Strategic Director of Finance and Resources & S151 Officer

Dated 30th June 2025

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Dated 30th June 2025

Richard Bates, Strategic Director of Finance and Resources & S151, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB

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