

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY:  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2007/2008**

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE OFFICER**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Members will be aware that the Audit Commission, as the Authority's external auditors, is required to report on the final accounts, and report certain matters to Members prior to an opinion being provided on the Authority's accounts.

**2. Statement of Accounts 2007/2008**

- 2.1 The Audit Commission has not concluded their audit of the Authority's Statement of Accounts 2007/2008 and the supporting papers are not available for distribution at this stage.
- 2.2 Completion of the audit is expected imminently and, following that, the Audit Commission will provide their Annual Governance Report. Further papers will be distributed to Members at that point.