SORP (FRSSE) compared to SORP (FRS 102)

The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the differences between the charity SORPs, but it should help trustees and their advisers make the choice, where available, between the two SORPs.

Identical requirements Retains columnar	Identical requirements
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presentation	Retains columnar presentation
Gains and losses on investment assets presented 'below the line'	Gains and losses on investment assets presented 'above the line'
Includes 'exceptional' and 'extraordinary' items	Additional presentation of 'other gains and losses'
	Includes 'material items'
Common format	Common format
Uses old UK GAAP terminology	Uses new UK GAAP terminology
Useful life of goodwill assumed to be five years unless it can be reliably estimated.	Useful life of goodwill assumed to be five years unless it can be reliably estimated.
Maximum useful life of goodwill presumed to be 20 years	Properties occupied by group undertakings are investment properties
Properties occupied by group undertakings are fixed assets	Requires FV through P&L for investments
Offers an alternative approach to the FV of investments	 Requires more disclosure to do with intangible fixed assets, investments, stock and liabilities
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Accounting policies	Uses old UK GAAP terminology	Uses new UK GAAP terminology
	Permits use of 'legacy' accounting policies where appropriate (i.e. where FRSSE is silent, FRS 102 is not applied if there is already an existing accounting policy)	Old accounting policies have to be revised in accordance with the principles of FRS 102
Donated goods and services	Identical approach except for donated fixed assets	Identical approach except for donated fixed assets
Disclosure of staff remuneration		 Additional disclosures Notably total key management personnel remuneration disclosures
Financial assets and liabilities		 Additional disclosures Different accounting for basic and other financial instruments