



AUDIT COMMITTEE - 19TH JUNE 2013

SUBJECT: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2012-2013

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & S151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To allow Members the opportunity to review the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2012-13 and make any changes that they feel are required.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 This report deals with Corporate Governance which is fundamental to the efficient and effective running of Council business.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2012-13 to allow Members to consider and make comments.
- 3.2 The draft AGS incorporates quite a number of changes to the previous year's AGS which is attached as Appendix 2. The majority of the changes relate to the consequences of the Wales Audit Office Public Interest Report as presented to Council on the 23rd April 2013 and the Authority's Action Plan as approved at that Council meeting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in respect of the preparation of the AGS.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct equalities implications stemming from this report on any group identified in Section 6 of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan, therefore an impact assessment has not been carried out.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no personnel implications in respect of the preparation of the AGS.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1. The draft AGS has been considered by the Corporate Governance Panel on 5th June 2013 and Corporate Management Team on the 6th June 2013. All comments have been reflected in the draft AGS attached.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members are requested to consider the draft AGS and advise and agree any changes.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1: Draft Annual Governance Statement for 2012-13
Appendix 2: Annual Governance Statement for 2011-2012