



AUDIT COMMITTEE – 8TH JUNE 2016

SUBJECT: DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2015/16

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 2015/16 and make any changes that they feel are required and justifiable.

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 (AGS) for 2015/16 to allow Members to consider and make comments. The previous year's AGS is attached as Appendix 2 to allow Members to compare year on year.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no additional 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 and discussed at a Corporate Management Team meeting. 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 that they feel can be justified.

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Appendix 1: Draft Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16

Appendix 2: Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15