

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – FINAL DRAFT

Committee: Audit Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1. Consideration of the final draft of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2021/22.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. Members are requested to approve the final draft of the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22 for final sign off by the Leader of Council and Chief Executive.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Audit Committee (ref: 17 October 2022, Agenda Item No. 7) received the first draft of the AGS and resolved to instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward the final draft for member consideration following an opportunity for all members of the Committee to provide comments and input.
- 3.2. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman, invited members and substitutes of the Committee to feedback comments by 16 December 2022, then extended to 24 December 2022.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. The Chief Executive received no comments/input from members and presents a final draft to the Committee for approval for sign off by the Leader of Council and Chief Executive.
- 4.2. The final draft (Appendix 1) has been revised to take account (where appropriate) comments from members at the last Committee meeting (amendments shown as italics). A summary of the comments of individual members are attached in Appendix 2 with the appropriate action taken by the Chief Executive in relation to the AGS.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1. There are no requirements to report on these matters to Committee for this agenda item.

6.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Annual Governance Statement (Final Draft)
2021/22

Appendix 2 Summary of member comments and Chief Executive
response (ref: Audit Committee, 17 October 2022)

Background Documents:

Audit Committee 17 October 2022

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