

Governance & Audit Committee

15 July 2022

Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To review the Annual Governance Statement.

Reasons:

To comply with Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (CIPFA/ Solace, 2016) local authorities must prepare a governance statement in accordance with the Framework and report publicly on the extent to which they comply with their own code of governance on an annual basis.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: N/A

Cabinet Decision Required: N/A

Council Decision Required: N/A

Cabinet Member Portfolio Details: Cllr A Lenny

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The preparation and publication of an Annual Governance Statement in accordance with CIPFA's Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016) fulfils the statutory requirements across the United Kingdom for a local authority to conduct a review at least once in each financial year of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and to include a statement reporting on the review with its Statement of Accounts.

We as a Local authority are required to prepare an annual governance statement to report publicly on the extent to which we comply with our code of governance, which in turn is consistent with the CIPFA's Good Governance principles. This includes how we have monitored and evaluated the effectiveness of governance arrangements in the year, and on any planned changes in the coming period.

The attached draft Annual Governance Statement is for review by the Governance and Audit Committee and to provide an opportunity for the Committee to fulfil their responsibility to provide a meaningful review of the AGS, based on knowledge of the governance arrangements, from assurances received during the year before its finalised and included in the final Statement of Accounts.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: H L Pugh – Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	Yes	None	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Legal

Regulation 6(1)(a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulations 2014 and Regulation 5(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 require an authority to conduct a review at least once in a year of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and include a statement reporting on the review with any published Statement of Accounts.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: H L Pugh – Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance

- 1. Scrutiny Committee: Not Applicable**
- 2. Local Member(s): Not Applicable**
- 3. Community / Town Council: Not Applicable**
- 4. Relevant Partners: Not Applicable**
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations: Not Applicable**

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

These are detailed below:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Internal Audit Plan 2021/22	AC 26-03-21	Agenda for Governance & Audit Committee on Friday, 26th March, 2021, 2.00 pm