

Annual Governance Statement Report

REPORT TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE

1. To present the completed signed Annual Governance Statement 2017 18

RECOMMENDATION

2. Members are asked to:
 - a) Approve the Annual Governance Statement
 - b) Note the findings

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To ensure that the Council complies with its statutory duty (under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015) to conduct an annual review of its governance arrangements and produce a statement.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The Council has conducted its review in accordance with the CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) and SOLACE (Society of Local Authority Chief Executives) governance framework *Developing Good Governance in Local Government; Framework* (2016).
5. This is supported by assurance statements provided by members, Heads of Service, Liberata and Senior Management to the Leader and Chief Executive. This enables the council to state that there were no issues to report and that the governance arrangements of the Council operated during the financial year. The mechanism was reported to the Audit and Standards Committee in January and the draft in March.
6. The statement provides assurance to the Council's stakeholder's that the governance and internal control environment in which the accounts were prepared was appropriate and that the council had the systems in place to ensure good governance.
7. A signed copy of the completed statement (Appendix 1) was provided to the External Auditors with the unaudited Statement of Accounts. A new signed and dated copy has been obtained for this meeting to confirm to the Auditors that there has been no change in the governance whilst the audit was underway.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION
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8. None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. The Local Code of Corporate Governance describes the requirements of the council in respect of governance.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

10. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: