

Audit and Risk Committee

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Report title	Annual Governance Statement 2019-2020	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Strategic Executive Board	21 May 2019

Recommendation for action:

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Review and comment upon the contents of the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2019-2020.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 That Members review and comment upon the content of the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2019-2020.
- 1.2 The Council is required under Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, to produce an Annual Governance Statement to be included in the annual statement of accounts, which is signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Annual Governance Statement draws upon the management and internal control framework of the Council, especially the work of internal and external audit and the Council's risk management arrangements. In compiling the Annual Governance Statement assurance is obtained from a range of sources in order that the signatories to the statement can assure themselves that it reflects the governance arrangements for which they are responsible.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Progress on the implementation of the actions required in the key areas will be monitored by Audit Services and reported to the Audit and Risk Committee during the year.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report. [GE/10062020/E]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report. [TS/11062020/Q]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

7.0 Climate Change and Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendations in this report

10.0 Health and Wellbeing implications

10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications in this report.

11.0 Covid implications

11.1 The key aspects of the Council's approach to governance during Covid-19 is set out within the Annual Governance Statement.

12.0 Schedule of background papers

12.1 None.

13.0 Appendices

13.1 Appendix 1: Annual Governance Statement 2019-2020.