

Audit and Risk Committee

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Report title	Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Strategic Executive Board	

Recommendation for noting:

The Audit and Risk Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the contents of the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2020-2021.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 That Members review and comment upon the content of the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2020-2021.
- 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.
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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report beyond those set out clearly in the Annual Governance Statement.
[DP/14062021/A]

6.0 Equalities implications

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

7.0 All Other Implications

- 7.1 There are no other implications from the recommendation in this report.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1: Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021.