

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Audit and Risk Committee 25 July 2022
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Report title Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022

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Report to be/has been considered by

Recommendation for action or decision:

The Audit and Risk Committee is recommended to:

1. Review and comment upon the contents of the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2021-2022.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 That Members review and comment upon the content of the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2021-2022.
- 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, options, discussion

- 3.1 Progress on the implementation of the actions required in the key areas will be 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. [SR/14072022/C]

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. [DA/14/07/2022/2]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 The Council's governance framework underpins the Council Plan, which itself is guided by consultation and equality analysis, and thereby aides the Council in its ability to meet its equality objectives

7.0 All other implications

- 7.1 There are no other implications arising 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