

## ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Portfolio	Finance
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the draft of the Annual Corporate Governance statement which will form part of the 2016/2017 annual accounts and will be signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive.

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Council is required to produce an Annual Governance Statement as part of the final accounts for the financial year and statement is signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive. The draft Statement is attached at Annex A to this report.
- 1.2 The Statement informs stakeholders of the Governance arrangements within the Council, addresses the key issues for the year and picks up those considered in the previous year.
- 1.3 The document is informed by the annual work of the Executive, the Corporate Management Team, the Internal Audit team, the Council's risk process and the general control systems in place within the Council. It provides a review of the Council's governance arrangements in accordance with the guidance issued by CIPFA.

### **2. Resource Implications**

- 2.1 There are no resource implications.

### **3. Options**

- 3.1 The document is a statutory requirement.

### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1 The draft document is attached at Annex A.

### **5. Officer Comments**

- 5.1 The document has been reviewed by the Council's Section 151 Officer.

### **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1. The Standards and Audit Committee is advised to NOTE and comment, if appropriate, to the Executive on the draft of the Annual Governance Statement.

<b>Annexes</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement</b>
<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>None</b>
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