

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 22 June 2017

Report Title: Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

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Purpose of Report

For publication alongside the Financial Statements in compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That the Audit Committee recommends that the Leader and the Director of Corporate Services and Governance sign the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of the Council.**

Reasons for Recommendations

To comply with the legal requirement that the Council produces an annual statement on its governance arrangements.

Under the duty imposed by the Accounts and Audits (England) Regulations 2015, Councils are under a duty to produce an Annual Governance Statement. This requirement is reflected in the 'Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (CIPFA/LASAAC)'. The purpose of this document is to provide an assurance on the adequacy of the Council's control and governance mechanisms.

It is a requirement that the Leader and Director of Corporate Services and Governance sign the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of the Council before publication on the website.

Wards Affected

None

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

CIPFA/SOLACE guidance entitled 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government (Guidance Note for English Authorities)' 2012 Edition

Delivering Good Governance in Local Government - Addendum December 2012

Delivering Good Governance in Local Government - (Framework) 2016 Edition

Previous year's Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 - Appendix A

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