

**Agenda Item No: 5**

**Report to:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 20 September 2012

**Report Title:** Annual Governance Statement 2011/12

**Report By:** Tom Davies  
Chief Auditor

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### **Purpose of Report**

For publication alongside the Financial Statements in compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. That the Audit Committee recommends that the Leader and the Director of Corporate Resources sign the Annual Governance Statement**

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### **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 2011, Councils are under a duty to produce an Annual Governance Statement. 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 Resources sign the Annual Governance Statement before publication on the website.

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**Wards Affected**

None

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**Area(s) Affected**

None

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**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	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

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**Background Information**

CIPFA/SOLACE guidance entitled 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government (Guidance Note for English Authorities)' June 2007

Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework March 2010

Annual Governance Statement 2011/12 - Appendix A

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