

Audit & Standards Committee

25 July 2018

Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018

Recommendation

That the Committee endorses the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 prior to submission to Council on 26th July.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the authority to conduct a review, at least once in a year, of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and to prepare an Annual Governance Statement (AGS).
- 1.2 The results of the review and resulting AGS was considered at the May meeting of the Committee. The draft statement, as presented, was endorsed by the Committee and was then shared with External Audit. They have requested some additions related to the Pension Fund and pooling arrangements, which are highlighted on the updated draft AGS attached (**Appendix 1**).
- 1.3 The draft AGS will also be considered by Cabinet on 24 July, with any outcomes arising from that meeting being reported verbally to this meeting.
- 1.4 The Committee is asked to confirm that the proposed AGS continues to be appropriate taking into account the results of the external audit and the content of the Authority's accounts which are also on the agenda for this meeting.
- 1.5 Following consideration by the Committee and Cabinet the AGS will be submitted to Council on 26 July.

Background papers

None

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Local Member(s): Not applicable

Other members: None