

## Audit & Standards Committee

24 July 2019

### Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019

#### Recommendation

That the Audit & Standards Committee endorses the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 prior to submission to Council for approval.

#### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 This report presents the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2018/19 for consideration, see the appendix.
- 1.2 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 AGS.
- 1.3 The results of the review and the draft AGS were considered by the Audit and Standards Committee at its meeting on 23 May. The AGS was also provided to External Audit for review. Subsequent updates have been made to the AGS at Section 5, Governance Issues, to reflect comments of the Committee and of External Audit. The updated AGS was also considered by Cabinet on 11 July.
- 1.4 The AGS will be submitted, alongside the Council's accounts, to Council for approval on 25 July.

#### 2.0 Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial implications identified.

#### Background papers None

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