

## Council

26 July 2018

### Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018

#### Recommendation

That Council approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18.

#### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 This report presents the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 for approval.
- 1.2 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Authority to conduct a review, at least once a year, of the effectiveness of internal control and publish the findings, in the form of an Annual Governance Statement (AGS), alongside the authority's financial statements. The Statement covers the key controls in operation in the authority to ensure that the Council's objectives and main statutory obligations are met.
- 1.3 A review has been carried out in accordance with this requirement. A draft AGS has been considered by the Audit and Standards Committee (24 May June and 25 July) and Cabinet (24 July). Any changes suggested at the July meetings will be reported verbally to Council. A copy of the proposed AGS is attached (**Appendix 1**).

#### Background papers

None

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