

Audit and Standards Committee
Annual Governance Statement 2020-21

4 November 2021

1 Recommendation(s)

1. That the Committee endorses the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement for onwards submission to Cabinet and for recommendation to Full Council for approval.

2 Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report presents the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement for endorsement at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 It has been assessed, as a result of the AGS evaluation and assurance gathering process, that there are no significant governance issues or governance failures to report. The results of the review and the draft AGS, prior to external audit review, were considered and endorsed by Audit and Standards Committee at its meeting on 10 June. Since then, the draft AGS has been subject to an External Audit review, with no updates required.
- 2.3 The Council has received the Local Area SEND inspection Ofsted report, since the draft AGS was published in June, and Section 5, Governance Challenges (p.20), has been updated to acknowledge receipt of the report and next steps.

3 Financial Implications

None

4 Environmental Implications

None

5 Supporting Information

None

6 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 6.1 The revised external audit and accounts approval timetable means that the 2020-21 AGS will be presented to Cabinet for endorsement on 25 November and submitted to Full Council for approval and certification on 14 December.

Appendices

1. Appendix 1 2020-21 Annual Governance Statement for endorsement

Background Papers

None

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