

Council

7 February 2023

2021/22 Annual Governance Statement

Recommendation

That Council approves the 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for approval at Appendix 1.
- 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 It has been assessed, as a result of the AGS evaluation and assurance gathering process, which includes consideration by the Audit and Standards Committee, external auditors, and public consultation, that there are no significant governance issues or governance failures to report. The Council's key areas of strategic risk are presented as governance challenges in Section 5, along with planned and proposed mitigations.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 None.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 5.1 None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement

Background Papers

None.

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