

# County Council

17 December 2024

## Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

### Recommendation

That Council approves the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement.

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the 2023/24 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. Environmental Implications

- 2.1 None.

### 3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The Annual Governance Statement presented at Appendix 1 was endorsed by the Audit and Standards Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### 4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 4.1 Once approved, the Annual Governance Statement will be published on the Council's website as part of the 2023/24 financial statements of the Council.

### Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement.

## Background Papers

None.

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