

## **Report to Audit Committee**

**Subject:** Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021/22  
**Date:** 28 June 2022  
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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform Members of the proposed Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.

#### **Recommendations:**

##### **That Members:**

- note the draft Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 and provide any comments for inclusion in the final version when presented to the Audit Committee in the autumn.

### **2. Background**

The Council is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and that it is used economically, efficiently and effectively. In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations the Council conducts an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal controls and prepares an Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

### **3. Proposal**

Following the review of the system of internal control it is proposed that the AGS for 2021/22, attached at Appendix 1, is noted and that comments be provided

for inclusion in the final version of the AGS to be presented to the Audit Committee for approval with the Annual Statement of Accounts in the autumn.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

The Annual Governance Statement is a statutory requirement for authorities under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, which requires authorities each financial year to conduct a review of the effectiveness of their systems of internal control and prepare an annual governance statement in accordance with proper practices in relation to accounts.

#### **6. Equalities Implications**

None arising directly from this report.

#### **7. Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

None arising directly from this report.

#### **8. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.

#### **Statutory Officer Approval**

**Approved by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**Date:** 16/06/22

**Approved by:** Monitoring Officer  
**Date:** 20/06/22