

## ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016 - 2017

### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The purpose of this report is

1. to seek approval of the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2016 – 2017 in light of the adoption by Council on 27 July 2017 of a revised Code of Corporate Governance, and
2. to agree to the publication of the Governance Statement alongside the Council's Statement of Accounts.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Regulation 6(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, requires the Council to prepare an Annual Governance Statement.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its last meeting, the Committee considered a draft Annual Governance Statement based on a revised Code of Corporate Governance, which at that time had yet to be adopted by Council. It was noted that final approval of the Statement would not be possible until the revised Code had been adopted. (Report LEG1710).
- 2.2 The Council at its meeting held on 27 July 2017 adopted the revised Code and therefore the Committee is now in a position to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016 - 2017 based on the newly adopted Code.

### 3. CONTENT OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

- 3.1 The contents of the Annual Governance Statement has been further amended after Corporate Leadership Team undertook a review of the significant governance issues to be addressed in the forthcoming year. The principle areas of risk are now set out in the Governance Statement at Paragraph 6.1 as Risk Management, the General Data Protection Regulation and the Risk of Non – delivery of Key Projects. The Review of Policy Review Panels; the Review of Partnership Working and other items identified in the previous version will be undertaken within service areas but are not considered to be significant governance issues. The revised Annual Governance Statement for approval is as set out in the Appendix to this report.

3.2 The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive are required to sign the Statement.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 It is recommended that the Annual Governance Statement set out in the Appendix to this report be:

- approved and
- published with the Council's Statement of Accounts.

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Published documents

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