

Audit Committee	Agenda Item: 4
Meeting Date	19 June 2012
Report Title	Annual Governance Statement
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Portfolio Holder for Finance
SMT Lead	Abdool Kara, Chief Executive
Head of Service	Nick Vickers, Head of Finance
Lead Officer	Nick Vickers, Head of Finance
Recommendations	1. To agree the proposed Annual Governance Statement.

1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council is required to seek agreement by the Audit Committee of the Annual Governance Statement by 30 June each year.

2 Background

- 2.1 The content of the Annual Governance Statement is not set out specifically but the document needs to reflect the requirements of the CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework document and the CIPFA Role of the Chief Financial Officer documents.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to agree the statement in Appendix I.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 This is a statutory requirement.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The statement is signed by the Leader and Chief Executive and the views of cabinet and SMT have been sought.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	None identified.
Financial, Resource and	Agreement of the statement is a key part of the process for

Property	producing and agreeing the Council's financial accounts.
Legal and Statutory	Need to comply with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.
Crime and Disorder	None identified.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified.
Equality and Diversity	None identified.
Sustainability	None identified.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report
- Appendix I: Annual Governance Statement

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.

