

Audit Committee	Agenda Item: 4
Meeting Date	11 June 2014
Report Title	Annual Governance Statement
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Cabinet Member for Finance
SMT Lead	Mark Radford, Corporate Services Director
Head of Service	Nick Vickers, Head of Finance
Lead Officer	Nick Vickers, Head of Finance
Recommendations	1. To agree the Annual Governance Statement.

1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council is required to seek agreement by the Audit Committee to the Annual Governance Statement.

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 Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy/Society of Local Authority Chief Executives' *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government* documents and the CIPFA Role of the Chief Financial Officer documents.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 To agree the document attached in Appendix I.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 This is a statutory requirement.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Informal consultation has been undertaken with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Supports the Council's overall objectives by promoting good governance.
Financial, Resource and Property	Agreement of the statement is a key part of the process for producing and agreeing the Council's statutory 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 Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Guidance Note for English Authorities.