

## **Audit Committee**

Meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Electoral Division affected: None
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## **Annual Governance Statement 2010/11**

(Appendix A refers)

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### **Executive Summary**

The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2010/11 is presented for approval.

### **Recommendation**

To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2010/11.

### **Background and Advice**

The AGS requires a review to be conducted of the governance arrangements in the authority. It has previously been agreed that this would be achieved by means of obtaining statements of assurance from executive directors and by reference to the annual report of the Head of internal Audit. The process has been overseen by the Corporate Governance Working Group.

Those statements have now been obtained. Executive Directors were asked to confirm the adequacy of the arrangements within their directorate against the 17 control areas in the statement, by indicating whether in each case they were good, adequate or weak. In all cases, the response have been categorised as either good or adequate.

The draft statement is attached at Appendix A. The Statement describes the governance arrangements in the authority and the process by which the review of those arrangements have taken place.

The Statement outlines areas where there is a programme for improvement in the coming year. This refers to the relevant reference in the annual report of the Head of Internal Audit, which is set out at Item 12 on the Agenda. It will be seen that there is reference here to the authority's arrangements for risk management.

The AGS will be presented to the Chief Executive and Leader for signature.

The Audit Committee are asked formally to approve the AGS.

## **Consultations**

Executive Directors individually.

## **Risk management**

The risk management implications are referred to in the body of the report.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Delivering Good Governance in Local Government – Guidance Note for English Authorities	2007	Roy Jones, Office of the Chief Executive, 01772 533619

Delivering Good  
Governance in Local  
Government - Framework

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A