

Report to: **Audit Committee**

Date: **6 July 2021**

By: **Assistant Chief Executive**

Title of report: **Assessment of the Corporate Governance Framework and Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21**

Purpose of report: **To consider the draft report to the Governance Committee on the Annual Assessment of the Corporate Governance Framework and Annual Governance Statement.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- 1. consider the draft report to the Governance Committee and its appendices; and**
  - 2. confirm whether there are any changes to the Annual Governance Statement that the Committee wishes to recommend to the Governance Committee.**
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**1. Supporting Information**

1.1 Under its terms of reference, it is the role of this Committee: "To review the Council's assurance statements, including the Annual Governance Statement, ensuring that they properly reflect the risk environment, and any actions required to improve it."

1.2 The Council publishes its Annual Governance Statement (AGS) in compliance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. It is also reported separately to the Governance Committee as part of the Annual Assessment of the Corporate Governance Framework.

1.3 The draft Governance Committee report is attached as appendix A and any comments the Committee wishes to make will be reported to the Governance Committee at its meeting on 13 July 2021. In reviewing the AGS report, Members should consider whether it properly reflect the Council's risk and internal control environment.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None