

2020-21 Annual Governance Statement

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Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Audit Committee of the content of the final Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21 and seek its approval.

Recommendation

2. That Audit Committee approves the 2020-21 Annual Governance Statement.

Background

3. Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 require local authorities to carry out an annual review of the effectiveness of their systems of internal control and publish an Annual Governance Statement in or alongside the annual accounts.
4. The Statement attached as Appendix 1 outlines the governance arrangements that the Council had in place during 2020-21. It has been prepared in accordance with the revised CIPFA/SOLACE Framework “Delivering Good Governance” 2016.
5. The draft Annual Governance Statement was approved by Audit Committee on 30 September 2021. This final version has been amended to take the comments of the external auditor into account. For ease of member reference, the change is highlighted in Appendix 1.
6. In producing the Annual Governance Statement, reports from SSSDC’s external auditors, Grant Thornton, and its internal auditors, South West Audit Partnership, have been taken into account.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications associated with these recommendations.



Risk Matrix

8. Not applicable

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

9. There are no carbon emissions or climate change implications associated with these recommendations.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. There are no equality or diversity implications associated with these recommendations

Privacy Impact Assessment

11. There are no privacy impact implications associated with these recommendations

Background Papers

None.