

AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 27 OCTOBER 2020

TITLE OF REPORT: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

Report of: Joint Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer

Cabinet Member: Councillor: James Radley, Finance and Corporate Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee of the content of the final Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 and seek its approval.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee approves the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, require Local Authorities to prepare and publish an Annual Governance Statement on an annual basis.

3.2 The Statement attached as Appendix I outlines the governance arrangements that the Council had in place during 2018/19. It has been prepared in accordance with the revised CIPFA/SOLACE Framework “Delivering Good Governance” 2016.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

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