

### **Reference from Standards and Audit Committee 24.05.2023 - Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023**

At its meeting on 24.05.2023, the Standards and Audit Committee was requested to recommend to Corporate Management Committee that the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/2023 be approved.

The Committee approved the format of the Statement which took the form of assessing the Council's compliance with each Principle and listing the activities that supported the positive conclusive statement.

Members appreciated the section reviewing actions from the 2021/2022 Statement with regard to Risk Reporting, Emergency Committee, a refresh of the Member Training Programme and the review of the Local Code of Governance (the latter being the subject of another reference to Corporate Management Committee).

Areas for improvement for action in 2023/2024 were noted. These being Risk Reporting, implementation of the new Procurement Strategy, embedding the new Corporate Leadership Team arrangements and producing a response to engagement with Cipfa and the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities ahead of the enacting of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

One amendment was approved to correct a typographical error within Principle E concerning Climate Change activity.

Members were content to recommend approval by Corporate Management Committee of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023, as amended, as attached at Appendix 'A' to item 5 on the main agenda for this meeting.

**(To Resolve)**