



Report of the Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer

Audit Committee – 16 September 2019

Annual Governance Statement

Purpose: To update the Audit Committee as to the final version of the Annual Governance Statement included within the Statement of Accounts

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For Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Chief Legal Officer presented the draft Annual Governance Statement to the Audit Committee on 13 August 2019. As the Audit Committee comments as to governance needed to be included it was agreed by the Audit Committee that the Chair of Audit would meet with the Chief Legal Officer to finalise a form of wording to be included.

2. Updated Annual Governance Statement

- 2.1 Following discussion between the Chair of Audit and the Chief Legal Officer Audit Committee comments around governance have been incorporated into the finalised Annual Governance Statement at Appendix A.
- 2.2 The Annual Governance Statement was presented to full Council as part of the Statement of Accounts on 29 August 2019.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

There are no equality and engagement implications associated with this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

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Background papers: *None*

Appendices - Appendix A – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19.