



Leicester  
City Council

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## **FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETING**

**Audit and Risk Committee**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

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### **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2019 - 2020**

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#### **Report of the Director of Finance**

##### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1. To provide an opportunity for the committee to consider the Council's Draft Annual Governance Statement 2019 – 2020, before it is brought back to committee for formal approval.

##### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. The committee is asked to consider the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2019 – 2020.

##### **3. SUMMARY**

- 3.1. The Council is required to publish, as part of its financial accounts reporting, an Annual Governance Statement. This statement should assure the people of Leicester that the Council operates in accordance with the law and has due regard to proper standards of behaviour and that it safeguards the public purse. This statement has to be agreed and approved by the Committee as this forms part of the statement of accounts.

##### **4. REPORT**

- 4.1. The format of the statement is dictated to a large extent by the principles of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)/Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) framework 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government'. The draft Annual Governance Statement 2019-20 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2. The draft Annual Governance Statement is being presented here for comment before final approval by this committee.

##### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, although the annual governance statement helps to provide assurance about the proper use of the Council's resources.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct Legal implications. Kamal Adatia, City Barrister and Head of Standards – 37 1401.

## **7. Other Implications**

<b>OTHER IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>YES/ NO</b>	<b>Paragraph/References Within Supporting information</b>
Risk Management	Yes	All of the paper.
Climate Change	No	
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	Yes	All of the paper.
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	
Health Inequalities Impact	No	

## **8. Consultations**

Chief Operating Officer and All Strategic Directors  
All Divisional Directors  
All City Officers  
Finance Division Senior Management Team

## **9. Summary of Appendices**

Appendix A – Draft Annual Governance Statement

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