



Leicester  
City Council

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**Audit and Risk Committee**

**29 September 2015**

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**Annual Governance Statement 2014 - 2015**

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**Report of the Director of Finance**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. To seek the approval of the Committee for the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2014 – 2015.

**2. Recommendations (or OPTIONS)**

- 2.1. The Committee is recommended to approve the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2014 - 2015 as detailed within this report.

**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 completed by the end of September each year as it forms part of the statutory statement of accounts.

**4. Report**

- 4.1. To remind members of the format required – which 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 Annual Governance Statement 2014-15, along with the Director's Certification (which underpins the statement) is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.3. These documents were produced in previous years with the support of both the Strategic and Operational Directors and once again the process began earlier this year to allow meaningful contributions to be made by all Directors.

## 5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

### 5.1. **Financial Implications**

5.1.1 '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'. Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance – 37 4081.

### 5.2. **Legal Implications**

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

## 6. **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	

## 7. **Consultations**

Andy Keeling, Chief Operating Officer  
All Strategic Directors  
All Divisional Directors  
All City Officers  
Finance Division Senior Management Team

## 8. **Report Author**

8.1. Tony Edeson, Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management – 37 1621.