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City Council

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Audit and Risk Committee

27 September 2016

Annual Governance Statement 2015 - 2016

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 2015 – 2016.

2. Recommendations (or OPTIONS)

- 2.1. Members are recommended to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2015 - 2016 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 agreed and approved by Directors before the end of September each year.

4. Report

- 4.1. To remind Directors 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 2015-16, 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 this process began in April this year to allow meaningful contributions to be made by all Directors. Changes in the process for this year and next, means that the process for the 2016-17 AGS may start a month earlier in March 2017.

4.4 The Annual Governance Statement is being presented here for ‘final’ approval. It has been discussed and agreed by Corporate Management Team at their meetings 6 April and 3 August 2016. Having been agreed by all Directors, it is now presented along with the statutory statement of accounts for agreement to this Committee.

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

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/ NO	Paragraph/References Within Supporting information
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

Chief Operating Officer and 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.