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City Council

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Audit and Risk Committee

28 September 2017

Annual Governance Statement 2016 - 2017

Report of the Director of Finance

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To seek the approval of the Committee for the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2016 – 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Members are recommended to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016 - 2017 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 Committee by the end of September 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 Annual Governance Statement 2016-17, is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2. As a result of changes to the reporting timetable for the accounts next year, this process will start earlier in 2018.
- 4.3. The Annual Governance Statement is being presented here for 'final' approval.

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

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	

9. Consultations

Chief Operating Officer and All Strategic Directors
All Divisional Directors
All City Officers
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