

Appendices:

1. Draft Annual Governance Statement 19/20



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	Annual Governance Report
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Audit Committee Meeting Date: 26th October 2020

Policy Document: Annual Governance Statement – Draft 2020

Services: Chief Finance Officer

Accountable Cabinet Member: Jonathan Nunn - Leader

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2019/2020, which will accompany the Statement of Accounts.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee review and note the content the draft Annual Governance Statement.

3. Issues of note

3.1 Report Background

The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) is produced annually in line with the statement of accounts for the same period. The AGS is reviewed by the Chief Executive and signed off when agreed by the Leader of the Council and the S151 Officer.

Audit Committee review and note the draft AGS before it is finalised, signed and published on the NBC website with the statement of accounts.

3.2 Issues

There are no issues to note.

The AGS is a positive statement for the financial year 19/20 showing improvements in the governance through management structures, internal audit, internal control work and the risk management process.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 There are no policy changes as a result of this report.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 The Governance team are fully resourced to cover the areas reported within the Annual Governance Statement to effect and required changes in process and procedures.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 None to report at present.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 Whilst there are no specific equality implications at this stage, various policies will be reviewed through the improvements in procedures throughout NBC. All reviews will be supported by equality and community impact assessments.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 Internal consultation has taken place with Corporate Management Board and other senior officers where required.

4.6 Other Implications

4.6.1 None specifically

5. Background Papers

5.1 None at present

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