

Chichester District Council

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - 25 July 2019

2018-2019 Annual Governance Statement and Corporate Governance Report

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2. Recommendation

The Committee is requested to:

- 2.1. Consider the draft Annual Report on Corporate Governance at appendix 1, the Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019 (appendix 2), and Internal Audit and Corporate Investigations Annual Report 2018-2019 (appendix 3), and to recommend these to the Council for approval.**

3. Main Report

All members have a responsibility for Corporate Governance. However, this committee is charged with identifying and looking at key risk areas in greater depth. This is to provide assurance to the Council and members that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards; that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively.

Under its terms of reference the Committee is required to report each year, or at any time where significant issues or concerns are raised on Corporate Governance and the internal arrangements in place to monitor and control risks.

Attached at Appendix 1 is a draft report to the Council to fulfil this requirement which the Committee is requested to consider.

In order to sign up to such a statement, members of the Committee will need assurance that key systems are in place within the Council. As such the Council's Internal Audit Service has the responsibility to independently review and report to the Committee. Appendices 2 and 3 set out their findings.

4. Background

- 4.1. Not Applicable

5. Outcomes to be achieved

- 5.1. Not Applicable

6. Proposal

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Alternatives that have been considered

7.1. Not Applicable

8. Resource and legal implications

8.1. Not Applicable

9. Consultation

9.1. Not Applicable

10. Community impact and corporate risks

10.1. Not Applicable

11. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		√
Climate Change		√
Human Rights and Equality Impact		√
Safeguarding		√
Other (please specify)		

12. Appendices

- 12.1. Appendix 1 – Annual Report of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
- 12.2. Appendix 2 – Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019
- 12.3. Appendix 3 – Internal Audit and Corporate Investigations Annual Report 2018-2019

13. Background Papers

13.1 None