

# Chichester District Council

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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### Annual Governance Statement and Corporate Governance Report

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#### 2. Recommendation

**To consider the draft Annual Report on Corporate Governance at Appendix 1 and to recommend this to 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 to Council 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 Council to fulfil this requirement which the committee is requested to consider.

CIPFA guidance requires an Annual Report of Partnerships to be produced and this is attached at Appendix 3.

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 and report is attached at Appendix 4.

#### 4. Human Rights and Equality Impact

None

#### 5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Annual report of Corporate Governance & Audit Committee to Council

Appendix 2 - Annual Governance Statement 2014/15

Appendix 3 – Annual report of Partnerships 2014/2015

Appendix 4 – Annual Report on the effectiveness of Internal Audit Section 2014/15

#### 6. Background Papers

Evidence in support of annual governance statement 2014/ 2015