

## **Chichester District Council**

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 29 September 2016**

#### **Annual Governance Statement and Corporate Governance Report 2015-16**

##### **1. Contacts**

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##### **2. Recommendation**

**To consider the draft Annual Report on Corporate Governance at Appendix 1 and to recommend this 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 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 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 and report is attached at Appendix 3.

##### **4. Human Rights and Equality Impact**

None

##### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Draft annual report of the Corporate Governance & Audit Committee

Appendix 2 – Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

Appendix 3 – Annual Report on the effectiveness of Internal Audit Section 2015/16

##### **6. Background Papers**

Evidence in support of annual governance statement 2015/ 2016