

**REPORT TO:** CABINET

**DATE:** 20 JULY 2017

**TITLE:** REFERRAL FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS  
COMMITTEE – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE  
STATEMENT 2016/17

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**This is not a Key Decision  
Call-in Procedures may apply  
This decision will affect no ward specifically.**

**RECOMMENDED** that Cabinet approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION**

- A** The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 require the Council to conduct, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and to approve an Annual Governance Statement which is required to accompany the Council's Statement of Accounts.
- B** The Audit and Standards Committee considered the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17 and has recommended that Cabinet approve it.

#### **BACKGROUND**

1. At its meeting on 21 June 2017, the Audit and Standards Committee received a report on the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 and reviewed the draft statement. The original report that was considered by the Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
2. The Committee has asked that the Cabinet approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Original report to the Audit and Standards Committee, 'Annual Governance Statement 2016-17'

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

All original reports to the Audit and Standards Committee can be viewed from <http://moderndb/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=120&MId=877&Ver=4>