

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT COMMITTEE – 24 JULY 2017

Title:

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/2017

[Wards Affected: N/A]

Summary and purpose:

The purpose of this report is for the Audit Committee to consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the year ended 31 March 2017.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The aim of the AGS is to ensure that, in achieving the Council's corporate priorities, Waverley acts in the public interest at all times.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no implications arising from this report. The Annual Governance Statement can be provided in larger print if required.

Resource and legal implications:

There are no direct resource implications resulting from the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017.

Introduction

1. The Annual Governance Statement is produced alongside the annual Statement of Accounts and reports publicly on how the Council has complied with the governance code, 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework' published by CIPFA/SOLACE, and describes any governance issues, including how they will be addressed.
2. Each year the Council is required to produce an AGS which describes how its corporate governance arrangements have been working over the year and comprises the arrangements put in place to ensure that the Council achieves its objectives while acting in the public interest at all times.
3. The AGS is required to be signed by the Leader of the Council and the Executive Director on behalf of the Council and then approved by a delegated committee.
4. The AGS will be included with the Statement of Accounts as part of the Annual Financial Report for 2016/2017.

5. The AGS is included with the Agenda as a separate document at Annexe 1.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Audit Committee approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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