

**WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 JULY 2019**

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**Title:**

**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/2019**

**[Wards Affected: N/A]**

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**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 2019.

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**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 AGS can be provided in larger print if required.

**Resource and legal implications:**

There are no direct resource implications resulting from the AGS for 2018/2019.

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**Introduction**

1. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require an authority to conduct a review at least once a year of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and include a statement reporting on the review with the published Statement of Accounts. That statement is the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).
2. The AGS reports publicly on how the Council has complied with the governance code, 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework' published by CIPFA/SOLACE.
3. The AGS describes how the corporate governance arrangements have been working over the year, describes any governance issues that have arisen and how they will be addressed. It also describes the arrangements put in place to ensure that the Council achieves its objectives and the means by which it gains assurances that those arrangements are working.
4. The AGS is required to be signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council and then approved by a delegated committee.

5. The AGS will be included with the Statement of Accounts as part of the Annual Financial Report for 2018/2019.
6. 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 2018/2019.

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### **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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