

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGS) FRAMEWORK

Governance Framework – Key Documents/Functions

- Corporate Plan
- Best Value Performance Plan
- East Durham Community Strategy
- Transitional Plan
- Service Plans
- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Local Area Agreement
- CPA Self Assessment
- Best Value Review of Support Services
- Local Code of Governance
- Community Engagement Framework
- Performance Management Framework
- Organisational Development Strategy
- Constitution
- Annual Governance Report
- Partnership Framework
- Officer and Member Codes of Conduct.
- Members Induction and Training Programme
- Confidential Reporting Code
- Officer and Member Protocols
- Annual Statement of Accounts
- Risk Management Strategy
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Use of Resources assessment
- Remuneration Panel Reports
- Complaints Procedure
- Scrutiny Committee Reports
- Procurement Strategy
- Contract Procedure Rules
- Audit Committee Reports
- Audit Commission Reports
- Treasury Management Framework
- Annual Statement of Accounts
- Financial Procedure Rules
- Scheme of Delegation
- Human Resources Strategy
- Respect and Dignity Policy
- Information governance
- Schedule of Council Meetings

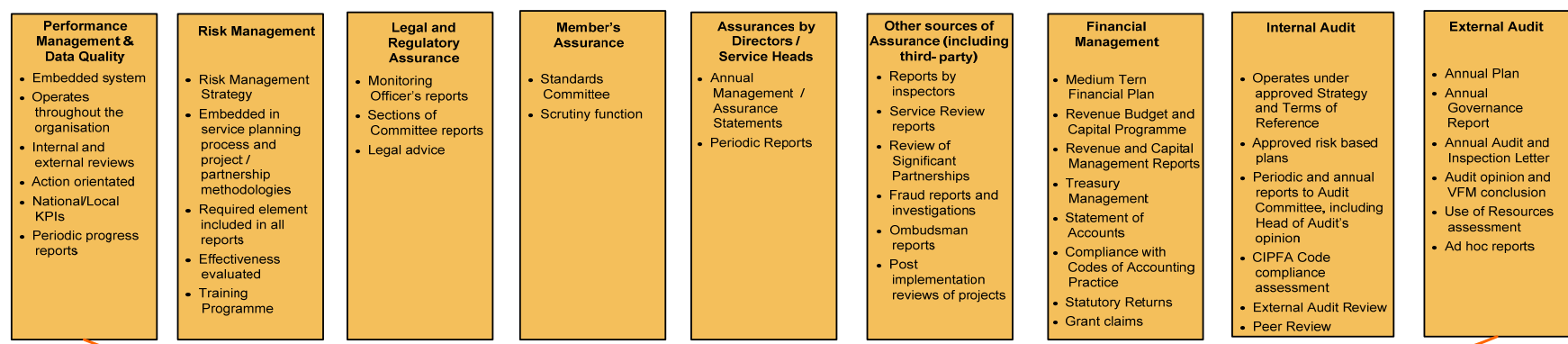
Annual Governance Statement
Signed by the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive and published with the Statement of Accounts

Independent review and approval by Audit Committee who examine draft AGS and supporting evidence

Corporate & Service Plans, Policies, Business Plans and Risk Registers

Corporate Governance Group with responsibility for drafting AGS after evaluating assurances and supporting evidence

Review of the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit



Ongoing assurance on adequacy and effectiveness of controls over key risks