

Audit Committee

25 February 2021

**Corporate Governance Review 2020/21
– Key Dates**



Report of Paul Darby, Corporate Director of Resources (Interim)

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To inform Audit Committee of the key dates for the corporate governance review for the 2020/21 financial year.

Executive Summary

- 2 This report informs Audit Committee of the key dates in the annual governance review for the 2020/21 financial year to enable the statutory deadline to be achieved.

Recommendation

- 3 Audit Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.

Background

- 4 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Council to prepare an Annual Governance Statement, which is to accompany the Statement of Accounts.
- 5 Although Central Government intends to extend the deadline for publishing audited local authority accounts from 31 July to 30 September, the plan is to complete the Council's draft accounts by 31 May 2021, as in previous years. As a result, the draft Annual Governance Statement will also meet this deadline for approval by Audit Committee.

Key Dates

- 6 The key dates for the 2020/21 corporate governance review are in Appendix 2 of this report.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None

Finance

There are no financial implications associated with this report. However, financial planning and management is a key component of effective corporate governance.

Consultation

Engaging local communities meets a core principle of the CIPFA/ SOLACE guidance.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Engaging local communities including hard to reach groups meets a core principle of the CIPFA/ SOLACE guidance.

Human Rights

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Staffing

There are no impacts on staff, but ensuring the adequate capability of staff meets a core principle of the CIPFA/ SOLACE guidance.

Accommodation

There are no accommodation implications, but asset management is a key component of effective corporate governance.

Risk

There are no reportable risks associated with the report, but the assessment of corporate risk is a key component of the Council's governance arrangements.

Procurement

None

Appendix 2: Corporate Governance Review 2020/21 Key Dates

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
Draft Annual Governance Statement to Resources Management Team for consultation.	6/4/21
Complete Directors Assurance Statements approved by Directors.	6/4/21
Corporate Director of Resources to approve draft Annual Governance Statement (Resources Management Team).	20/4/21
Draft Annual Governance Statement to CMT for approval.	28/4/21
Draft Annual Governance Statement to Audit Committee for approval, along with the annual audit opinion, as part of the final accounts process.	June 2021 (date to be confirmed)
Final Annual Governance Statement to Audit Committee for approval and adoption.	30/7/21