

Audit Committee

28 February 2022

**Corporate Governance Review 2021/22
– Key Dates**



Report of Paul Darby, Corporate Director of Resources

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To inform Audit Committee of the key dates for the corporate governance review for the 2021/22 financial year.

Executive Summary

- 2 This report informs Audit Committee of the key dates in the annual governance review for the 2021/22 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 (as amended) require each local authority to conduct a review at least once in a year of the effectiveness of its system of internal control. A statement reporting on the review must be included in an Annual Governance Statement published with the Statement of Accounts.
- 5 The Government has set a deadline of 31 July 2022 for publishing the draft Statement of Accounts. However, the Council's target for completion is by 31 May 2022, so the draft Annual Governance Statement will also need to meet this deadline, before being submitted for approval to Audit Committee in July 2022.

Key Dates

- 6 The key dates for the 2021/22 corporate governance review are in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 7 It should be noted that, if there are no changes to the draft AGS after it is approved by Audit Committee in July 2022, it will not be necessary to ask CMT to approve the final AGS in September.

Background papers

- None

Other useful documents

- None

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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 2021/22 Key Dates

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
Draft Annual Governance Statement to Resources Management Team for consultation.	22/3/22
Directors Assurance Statements approved by Directors.	5/4/22
Corporate Director of Resources to approve draft Annual Governance Statement (Resources Management Team).	5/4/22
CMT to approve Draft Annual Governance Statement.	27/4/22
Audit Committee to approve Draft Annual Governance Statement with the annual audit opinion, as part of the final accounts process.	1/7/22
Corporate Director of Resources to approve Final Annual Governance Statement (Resources Management Team).	6/9/22
CMT to approve Draft Annual Governance Statement.	14/9/22
Audit Committee to approve Final Annual Governance Statement.	30/9/22