

Audit Committee

28 February 2023

**Corporate Governance Review 2022/23
– 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 2022/23 financial year.

Executive Summary

- 2 This report informs Audit Committee of the key dates in the annual governance review for the 2022/23 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 (AGS) published with the Statement of Accounts (SOA).
- 5 The current statutory deadline for publishing the draft SOA is 31 May and the statutory deadline for publishing the final SOA is 30 September.

Key Dates

- 6 The key dates for the 2022/23 corporate governance review are in Appendix 2 of this report.

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

There are no procurement implications, but the procurement function helps meet several core principles of the CIPFA/ SOLACE guidance by, for example, minimising fraud, corruption and non-compliance with legislation and good practice, thereby helping to secure value for money and effective service delivery.

Appendix 2: Corporate Governance Review 2022/23 Key Dates

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
Draft AGS to Resources Management Team for consultation.	28/03/2023
Corporate Director of Resources to approve Draft AGS.	11/04/2023
Directors' Assurance Statements approved by Directors.	14/04/2023
CMT to note Draft Annual Governance Statement.	03/05/2023
Deadline for approval of the Draft Statement of Accounts by the Corporate Director of Resources.	31/05/2023
Audit Committee to approve Draft Annual Governance Statement with the annual audit opinion, as part of the final accounts process.	30/06/2023
Corporate Director of Resources to approve Final Annual Governance Statement.	29/08/2023
CMT to note Final Annual Governance Statement.	06/09/2023
Audit Committee to approve Final Annual Governance Statement.	29/09/2023