



North Devon Council

Report Date: Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Topic: Draft Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

Report by: Chief Financial Officer

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Annual Governance Statement publishes the governance arrangements and provides assurance that the systems in place meet the principles of the CIPFA/SoLACE Framework “Delivering Good Governance in Local Government 2016” and is fit for purpose.

1.2. Appendix 2, is our assessment of how the CIPFA principles are met, where governance can be seen in action, and the assurance received and the issued identified.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That the draft Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 (appendix 1) be approved

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Council must exercise corporate governance which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SoLACE Framework “Delivering Good Governance in Local Government 2016” (“The Framework”). This Annual Governance Statement (AGS) explains how the council complies with the framework and also meets the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations in relation to the publication of a statement on internal control

4. REPORT

4.1. The Draft AGS is considered and approved by Governance Committee in June 2023 with the final Annual Governance Statement approved in September 2023 alongside the Statement of Accounts.

4.2. The AGS will be updated with any findings from our external auditors when they have completed their review of the financial statements for the year 2022/23. The Governance Committee will receive a separate report from our External Auditors with their audit findings.

4.3. Internal audit are undertaking an audit of our corporate governance arrangements in June 2023. Audit findings may be incorporated into the final version of the AGS. The Governance Committee will receive a separate report from Internal Audit with their findings on corporate governance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None



6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1. There are not any equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1. There are no environmental implications arising from the report

8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8.1 Good corporate governance is important to help achieve all of our corporate priorities

9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

9.1. Article of Part 3 Annex 1 paragraph: 5 (b)

9.2. Referred or delegated power? Delegated

10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers:

Adam Tape, Head of Governance