



## **North Devon Council**

Report Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Topic: Draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1. The Annual Governance Statement (appendix A) publishes our 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 B, is our full 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 2023/24 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 by Governance Committee in June 2024 with the final Annual Governance Statement approved in September 2024 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 2023/24. The Governance Committee will receive a separate report from our External Auditors with their audit findings.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. None

### **6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT**

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 this report

## 8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

9.1. The decision in respect of the recommendations in this report can be made by this Committee pursuant to delegated powers provided in Part 3 Annex 1 paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

## 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 following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: (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:

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