

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE      7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Executive Director Finance and Resources
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No

**1.      SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

For Members to approve the 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement to be included in the Statement of Accounts

**2.      RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is asked to**

**approve the Annual Governance Statement as attached at Appendix 1**

**3.      KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1      There are no financial implications in relation to the development of the Annual Governance Statement

**Legal Implications**

- 3.2      The development and reporting of the Annual Governance Statement is a statutory responsibility.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.3      The Annual Governance Statement as attached at Appendix 1 includes the arrangements that the Council has in place to deliver robust governance arrangements in the delivery of services across the Borough. It also reflects areas of concern where recommendations for improvements have been made by External and Internal Audit.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.4      By promoting good governance the Council ensures that all of its residents and communities have a consistent standard of service and opportunities.

**4.    RISK MANAGEMENT**

The risks associated with the delivery of good governance are included in the legal and democratic services registers.

**5.    APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

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