

Equality/Diversity

None

Risk Management

Evidence to support the Annual Governance Statement has been and will continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. This will include reviews of the Council's governance and risk management arrangements. Any significant areas for improvement will be set out in the action plan.

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

Reviewing the effectiveness of the control environment and reporting on the findings of the review is a key aspect of demonstrating that Torridge District Council has a formal and established response to the Corporate Governance requirements.

Ward Member and Leader Member Views

Chair of Audit & Governance, Councillor Philip Hackett said 'The purpose of the AGS is to confirm that the Council's business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money allocated to it is safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. This year's AGS demonstrates that this approach has been robustly pursued at Torridge to ensure we have satisfactory outcomes and comply with legislation.'

4. CONCLUSIONS

The Draft Annual Governance Statement is provided for consideration by Members and will be updated in July 2017. It will include an action plan to address any significant weaknesses highlighted by the Senior Managers Service Assurance Statements, the Audit Manager's Opinion, and through the reviews of the AGS evidence database.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members consider the draft Annual Governance Statement and bring forward suggestions for discussion.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations:	Governance Manager Statutory Finance Officer Head of Paid Service Monitoring Officer Councillor Philip Hackett DAP Partnership Manager
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Background Papers:	Code of Governance 2017

