

Agenda Item

REPORT OF **Service Improvement Officer**
To: **Audit and Governance Committee**
Subject: **AGS - Review of Evidence**
Date: **18th April 2017**

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To satisfy the Committee that the AGS Supporting Evidence reflects the governance framework

1. INTRODUCTION

Paragraph 6(1) of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2016 requires the Council to conduct a review at least once a year of the effectiveness of its control environment and to publish this in the Annual Governance Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement refers to a Code of Corporate Governance which was last approved by Audit & Governance Committee on 29th November 2016.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by Audit & Governance Committee on 19th July 2016.

A process is in place for Members of the Committee to review the evidence to support the Statement on a rolling basis.

2. REPORT

At the meeting on 29th November 2016 it was agreed that the Council should continue to look at governance evidence topics on a random basis, chosen by the Chair prior to each meeting. The Chair has chosen principle F1 for review at the meeting on the 18th April 2017.

Principle F is about **Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management**. Section F1 is about **Managing Risk**.

A copy of this section of the database is included in Appendix A and Members are invited either before, during or any time after the meeting, to select items for further interrogation, to satisfy themselves that the evidence accurately reflects the governance framework.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

There is a legal requirement as part of approval of the annual statement of accounts

Financial Implications

None



Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

N/A

Equality/Diversity

Equality Impact Assessment prepared

Risk Management

The evidence supporting the Annual Governance Statement reviews the Council's governance arrangements including risk management and identifies areas for improvement that are identified in the action plan.

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

Approval and adoption of the Annual Governance Statement is a key aspect of demonstrating that Torridge District Council has undertaken an annual review of its governance framework

Ward Member and Leader Member Views

Consultation date – Chair of A&G, Councillor Philip Hackett, on 31st March 2017.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The Committee having reviewed the evidence to support the Annual Governance Statement will then make suggestions to address any areas identified for improvement.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- The evidence contained in section F1 of the supporting database be noted.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations: Jenny Wallace, Head of Paid Service
Jamie Hollis, Monitoring Officer
Steve Hearse, Statutory Finance Officer
Councillor Philip Hackett

Contact Officers: Chris Dobbs, Service Improvement Officer

Background Papers: Supporting Database

