

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

N/A

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 improves on our previous governance statements by providing an easier to read and fuller assessment of the robust approach 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 presented for approval at the meeting in September 2021 for sign-off alongside the Financial Statement.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations: Chief Executive Officer
Statutory Finance Officer
Monitoring Officer
Councillor Philip Hackett
DAP Partnership Manager

Contact Officer: Chris Dobbs, Service Improvement Officer

Background Papers: Code of Governance 2021
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