

This pressure has continued unabated in 2016/17 and as Members are aware the cost pressures around Social Care have become a significant issue at a national government level. It is likely therefore that the same issue will remain on the statement especially as the Council's financial position has been under strain through the year and the S151 officer will update the Committee at the meeting on the latest position.

4. CONSULTATION

This report describes the Annual Governance Review process which members are invited to comment upon.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Governance Statement describes how the council complies with its Local Code of Governance which incorporates all the council's business and hence budget.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Failure to compile an Annual Governance Statement would result in non-compliance with statutory legislation and leave the Council open to criticism by External Audit and external stakeholders.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The production of an Annual Governance Statement is an explicit statutory requirement of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations.

The completed Annual Governance Statement is reviewed by the Council's External Auditor.

9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance

APPENDIX A



