

Cabinet – 7 June 2017

**Recommendation from the Audit and Governance Committee –
13 March 2017**

Draft Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

29 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Executive.

The report was introduced by the Senior Assurance Manager who explained that the Annual Governance Statement was a statutory document that formed part of the annual accounts. It had been developed by an officer group and was submitted to the Corporate Leadership Team and to this Committee for comment before being considered in July alongside the Statement of Accounts.

The Local Code of Corporate Governance was based on the SOLACE framework based on 7 themes and it was confirmed that some areas were partial and no areas were deemed as being non-compliant.

Recommended

That Cabinet considers and comments on the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17.

Reason for Recommendation

Approval and publication of an Annual Governance Statement by the County Council was a statutory requirement and provided evidence that the County Council maintained high standards of governance and addressed significant shortcomings and risks.