



<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 9</b>
<b>26 MAY 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for the Audit and Governance Committee to receive and review the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20.
- 1.2 The Annual Governance Statement was previously received by the Committee at the meeting on 26 May 2020 as part of the draft Statement of Accounts.

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer</b>
<p>The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Receive and review the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 as included within the Statement of Accounts.</p>	

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

#### **Annual Governance Statement**

- 2.1. The draft Statement of Accounts, together with the draft Narrative Report and draft Annual Governance Statement are required to be signed by the Chief Finance Officer and published in draft form on the Combined Authority's website together with the notice of the exercise of public rights.
- 2.2. The Audit and Governance Committee are recommended to receive and review the draft Annual Governance Statement alongside the draft Statement of Accounts.
- 2.3. Public Sector Internal Audit Standard PSIAS 2459, requires the Chief Audit Executive (CAE), the lead auditor providing the service, to provide an annual report to the Audit and Governance Committee timed to support the Annual Governance Statement. This report includes:

- An annual opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of governance, risk and control framework (the control environment); and
- A summary of audit work performed from which the opinion is derived including any reliance placed on works by other assurance bodies

2.4 Detail relating to 2.3 above is included in the Internal Audit Report and Opinion provided to this meeting.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1.1 None for the Annual Governance Statement.

### **4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. None.

### **5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. None.

### **6.0 APPENDICES**

6.1. Appendix 1 – Annual Governance Statement.

<b><u>Source Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
None	