

Board/Committee:	Policy and Organisation Board
Date of Meeting:	17 th March 2022
Title:	Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
Author:	Chief Internal Auditor
Status:	FOR APPROVAL

Purpose

To seek approval from Members in regards to the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2020/21

Recommendations

- a. That the Policy and Organisation board approve the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2020/21, following the recommendation from the Standards and Governance Committee

1. Background & Purpose

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Policy and Organisation Board with an overview of the governance arrangements in place at the Council.
- 1.1.2 The (AGS) forms part of the Council's Statement of Accounts.
- 1.1.3 The authority has a duty to produce and publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS). This sets out how Gosport Borough Council has complied with the Local Code of Governance, and how the authority meets the requirements of Regulation 4 (3) of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011
- 1.1.4 The Annual Governance Statement also includes the annual opinion on the effectiveness of the internal system of control from the Chief Internal Auditor

2. Report

- 2.1 Appendix A is the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2020/2021.

3 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 The AGS is a statutory duty with which the Council must comply. The AGS also forms part of the submission for the Council's Statement of Accounts which is then audited externally.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 That the Board approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

Financial Services comments:	Nil
Legal Services comments:	Nil
Crime and Disorder:	Nil
Equality and Diversity:	Nil
Service Improvement Plan implications:	The delivery of the Annual Governance Statement is a key function of the service.
Corporate Plan:	It supports the Council in pursuit of excellence through delivering an effective and high quality governance evaluation and monitoring.
Risk Assessment:	Section 3
Background papers:	None
Appendices/Enclosures:	Appendix A – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
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