

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	Policy and Organisation Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
<b>Author:</b>	Chief Internal Auditor
<b>Status:</b>	FOR APPROVAL

## **Purpose**

To seek approval from Members in regards to the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2021/22

## **Recommendations**

- a. That the Policy and Organisation Board approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.

### **1. Background & Purpose**

- 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.
- 1.2 The annual governance statement forms part of the Council's Statement of Accounts.
- 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
- 1.4 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) 2021/22.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 That the Board approve the draft Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.

<b>Financial Services comments:</b>	Nil
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<b>Legal Services comments:</b>	Nil
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	Nil
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	Nil
<b>Service Improvement Plan implications:</b>	The delivery of the Annual Governance Statement is a key function of the service.
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	It supports the Council in pursuit of excellence through delivering an effective and high quality governance evaluation and monitoring.
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Not to take this action would have legal, governance, and risk management implications for the Council
<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>Appendices/Enclosures:</b>	Appendix A – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
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