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| Board/Committee: | Standards and Audit Sub Board |
| Date of Meeting: | 20 th June 2024 |
| Title: | Draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 |
| Author: | Chief Internal Auditor |
| Status: | FOR APPROVAL |

Purpose

To seek approval from Members in regards to the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2023/24

Recommendations

- a. That the Standards and Audit Sub Board approve the draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.

1. Background & Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Standards and Audit Sub 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

2. Report

- 2.1 Appendix A is the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2023/24.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 That the sub Board approve the draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.

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| 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. |
| Risk Assessment: | Not to take this action would have legal, governance, and risk management implications for the Council |
| Background papers: | None |
| Appendices/Enclosures: | Appendix A – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 |
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