

Board/Committee:	Policy and Organisation Board
Date of Meeting:	30 th September 2024
Title:	Annual Governance Statement 2022/23
Author:	Chief Internal Auditor
Status:	FOR APPROVAL

Purpose

To seek approval from Members in regards to the final Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2022/23.

Recommendations

- a. That the Policy and Organisation Board approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

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) 2022/23.
- 2.2 The issue and sign off of the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 has been delayed due to the delay in the Statement of Accounts being finalised as part of the external audit process. We are now working alongside Central E&Y to get everything completed within their time frame to allow us to move on with the completion of the 22/23 accounts by the new back stop date of the 13th December 2024.

3. Conclusion

3.1 That the Board approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

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:	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 2022/23
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