

Report To: Corporate Governance Committee

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Title: Corporate Governance Framework & Annual Governance Statement 2012/13

1. What is the report about?

This is a covering report for the presentation of the Council's Corporate Governance Framework, which contribute to the production of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS). The report also presents the Draft AGS for 2012/13.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The Corporate Governance Committee recommends the adoption of the AGS each year as part of the Council's Statement of Accounts. The Council's Governance Group is consulting the Committee at an early stage to allow it more time to discuss and challenge the Framework and AGS.

The Chief Executive and Leader sign the final version of the AGS, which the Committee will approve in June 2013.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Committee considers the Corporate Governance Framework and Draft AGS 2012/3, challenging and recommending more work or improvements if it deems necessary.