

Report To: Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 22 May 2013

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Title: Draft Annual Governance Statement 2012/13

1. What is the report about?

This is a covering report for discussion on the Draft Annual Governance Statement (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 to allow it to discuss and challenge the 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 Draft AGS 2012/3, challenging and recommending more work or improvements if it deems necessary.