



Cabinet 30 July 2008

Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Annual Governance Statement 2007/2008 (Aug 08/01)

- (1) With effect from 2007/2008 the Council is required to produce and publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS), which replaces the Statement on Internal Control. The AGS reported publicly on the extent to which the Council complied with the Code of Corporate Governance, including how the effectiveness of governance arrangements had been monitored in the year.
- (2) The governance framework was designed to facilitate the achievement of the Council's policies, aims and objectives and to identify and manage risk to a reasonable level. The Committee considered the detail supporting the AGS, and confirmed that it fairly reflected the corporate governance arrangements in place. The Committee also endorsed the process used to compile the AGS and review of internal controls for application in future years, and **RECOMMENDED** that:-
 - (1) **the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2007/2008, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report Z116, be recommended for approval and issued with the Council's published accounts; and**
 - (2) **the internal control assessment and proposed additional areas for improvement at Appendix 2 of Report Z116, and the Action Plan, at Appendix 3 of Report Z116, be approved.**

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