



Cabinet 12 September 2012

Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Annual Governance Statement 2011/2012 (Sep12/10)

- (1) The Council is required to produce and publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS), which covers six laid down core governance principles, and is to be approved by full Council, and signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer.
- (2) The AGS for 2011/2012 accompanies the Statement of Accounts, and covers the Council's responsibilities in terms of the governance framework, St Edmundsbury's governance environment relating to the six laid down corporate governance principles, and the effectiveness of St Edmundsbury's arrangements and any significant areas of weakness identified, with proposed actions to address these.
- (3) The governance framework is designed to facilitate the achievement of the Council's policies, aims, and objectives, and to identify and manage risk to a reasonable level. The governance framework is embedded within the Constitution and the systems, policies, procedures and operations in place throughout the Council.
- (4) The Committee scrutinised a report which outlined the history and importance of corporate governance and the background to the annual review, and set out the detail supporting the Council's AGS.
- (5) The Committee **RECOMMENDED that:-**
 - (1) **the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2011/2012, as set out in Report D89, be recommended for approval by full Council prior to accompanying the Council's 2011/2012 Statement of Accounts; and**
 - (2) **the process used to compile the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2011/2012, as detailed in Annex A of the AGS, be endorsed.**

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