

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Audit and Governance Committee

Date of meeting: 17 November 2010
Report of: Head of Internal Audit & Compliance and Borough Solicitor
Title: Update on Annual Governance Statement

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend a process for the completion of the Annual Governance Statement for 2010/11 in accordance with best practice.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee consider and endorse the process for the production of the 2010/11 Annual Governance Statement.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended) require the Council to produce an Annual Governance Statement (AGS). It is good practice to agree the process for producing the statement, as detailed in Appendix A, with Members in advance.
- 3.2 Members of the Committee have already received a briefing on the AGS process on 16 June 2010 at a formal training session and this report builds upon this, in advance of the year end.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All wards.

5.0 Local Wards Affected

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 No specific financial implications. The production of the AGS is designed to align with the production of the Council's Financial Statements (draft by end June of each year) and will be published alongside the audited accounts (approved by end September).

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 The production of the AGS is required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations and the process suggested in the report is designed to meet this obligation.

9.0 Risk Assessment

- 9.1 The process and success of Corporate Governance arrangements is part of the authorities overall approach to managing risk.

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Background Documents:

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended)

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