

Regulatory and Audit Committee

Title: Final Annual Governance Statement

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Summary

This report contains the Final Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16 (Appendix 1). The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) has been completed by giving due consideration to the Council's sources of assurance on internal control and is structured in accordance with CIPFA guidance.

The draft Annual Governance Statement was presented to the Regulatory and Audit Committee on 25 May 2016, where it was approved. The final version has been updated with minor changes to reflect 2015/16 work completed since that date (see Appendix 2 with tracked changes).

The role of the Regulatory and Audit Committee is to review the AGS to provide assurance that it reflects the evidence considered by the Committee over the year, and that the actions identified are appropriate. Once the Committee has approved the final statement it will be presented to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council for signing, and published on the Buckinghamshire County Council website.

Recommendation

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE** the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16.

Background Papers

None
