

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Accounts and Audit Committee
Date: 28 September 2021
Report for: Approval
Report of: Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy

Report Title

Annual Governance Statement – 2020/21

Summary

The preparation and publication of an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) is necessary to meet the statutory requirement set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. This report provides the final version of the 2020/21 AGS.

The Committee previously received a report in July setting out the Draft AGS. Draft versions of the AGS had also previously been shared and reviewed by the Corporate Leadership Team.

Since the draft version was presented to the Accounts and Audit Committee on 22nd July 2021 changes have been made to the main body of the statement in response to comments from Committee Members at the meeting. Additionally three of the significant issues for 2021/22 have been updated. Any further issues arising in 2021/22 impacting on governance and developments in relation to governance issues reported to date will be considered as part of the process for compiling the 2021/22 AGS.

Once the AGS has been approved by the Accounts and Audit Committee, subject to the completion of the 2020/21 audit, and approval of the Final Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit Committee, the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement will be signed by the Chief Executive and Leader and published on the Council's website.

Recommendation

The Accounts and Audit Committee is asked to approve the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement.

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Background Papers: None