

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Accounts and Audit Committee  
**Date:** 20 June 2018  
**Report for:** Decision  
**Report of:** Head of Governance

### Report Title

**Draft Annual Governance Statement – 2017/18**

### Summary

This reports sets out the Draft 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement (AGS). The preparation and publication of an Annual Governance Statement is necessary to meet the statutory requirement set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

The content of the draft AGS has been reviewed and agreed by CLT. This has included agreeing significant governance issues detailed in the AGS. The draft AGS has also been shared with External Audit to accompany the 2017/18 draft accounts.

In compiling the Annual Governance Statement, an exercise has been undertaken to also update the Council's Corporate Governance Code to reflect any developments or changes during the year. Both the AGS and Corporate Governance Code have been produced taking into account the updated framework and guidance on the AGS issued by CIPFA/SOLACE in April 2016. A separate report has been produced which highlights the proposed updated Corporate Governance Code.

The final version of the AGS will take into account any further feedback from the Accounts and Audit Committee and will accompany the Council's Accounts. The final version will be signed off by the Leader and Chief Executive.

### Recommendation

The Accounts and Audit Committee considers the content of the draft Annual Governance Statement.

The final version of the Annual Governance Statement, signed off by the Chief Executive and Leader, will be presented for approval by the Accounts and Audit Committee in July 2018.

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**Background Papers:**

None