

**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2010/11- ADDENDUM
(Report by the Head of Financial Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Annual Governance Statement was discussed at the Panel's September meeting and subject to incorporation of the amendments highlighted by the Panel and consent by the Chairman to the final wording, the Chairman was authorised to sign the Statement for 2011.

2. UPDATE

2.1 PWC have suggested, and your Officers agree that there should be an addendum to Section 17 "Governance Issues" of the Statement to reflect the difficulties experienced with finalising the 2010/11 accounts. It is therefore proposed that the following highlighted wording be added.

"17. Governance Issues

While generally satisfied with the effectiveness of corporate governance arrangements and the internal control environment, as part of continuing efforts to improve governance arrangements the Council has identified the following issues for attention in the forthcoming year –

- Review of the Councils Corporate Plan
- Review of the Councils Performance Management Framework
- Review of the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation
- Adequacy of Business Continuity arrangements
- **Adequacy of the arrangements for timely completion of the Council's final accounts**

During the coming year steps will be taken to address these issues to further enhance the Council's Governance arrangements. In these circumstances we are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation through the Council's Improvement Plan and as part of our next annual review."

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Panel are recommended to agree to the above addition to the Annual Governance Statement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Panel Reports and updates.

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