

Annual Governance Statement (AGS) Framework

Evidence is gathered from a variety of sources including:

The Governance Framework – examination of key documents/functions

Council and Service Policies

Business Plans and Risk Registers



Supporting evidence and assurances are reviewed – this comes from:

Internal Audit – periodic and annual reports

Financial Management – financial plans, statutory returns, external audit

Members Assurance – scrutiny functions, Standards Committee

Risk Management – risk management strategy

Assurance Statement – completed annually

Chief Finance Officer's Statement – completed annually

Council and Cabinet Meetings



Draft AGS compiled together with action plan to address any identified governance issues



Draft AGS and action plan reviewed by Senior Leadership Team and Chief Executive



Draft AGS presented to Audit Committee for review and approval



AGS signed by Elected Mayor, Chief Executive, Chair of Council and Chair of Audit Committee



AGS included within the Annual Financial Report