

## 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**