

Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 27th July 2018

Agenda No:

Title of Report:	Annual Governance Statement (AGS), Local Code of Corporate Governance and Council Wide Governance Assurance Map 2017/2018.
Context	The Council is required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 to publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS), in accordance with ' <i>proper practices</i> ' in order to report publicly on the extent to which we comply with our own Local Code of Corporate Governance, including how we have monitored the effectiveness of our arrangements in year and on any planned changes to our governance arrangements in the coming year. The AGS is signed by the Leader, Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer and must accompany the Annual Statement of Accounts.
Purpose of Report:	To summarise GCC's Corporate Governance arrangements in place during 2017/2018, via the publication of an AGS, supported by a revised Local Code of Corporate Governance 2017/2018 and a Council Wide Governance Assurance Map, which is in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and CIPFA/SOLACE guidance – Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework 2016.
Recommendations:	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ reviews and approves the Annual Governance Statement and the actions planned by the Council to further enhance good governance arrangements; and ➤ agrees that an update on actions taken to address the governance issues identified will be provided to the January 2019 Committee meeting.
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Key Risks	Failure to deliver effective governance will impact on the ability of the Council to achieve its vision, outcomes and priorities.