

## Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 22 January 2021

Agenda No:

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Annual report on school assurance statements 2019/20.
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To provide the Committee with an annual report on school assurance statements provided by the governing boards of LA-maintained schools and to confirm that the statements meet reporting requirements.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Assess, from the findings set out in this annual report, whether it can take reasonable assurance that the approach taken by Education, and particularly the process implemented by Governor Services, is adequate and is operating effectively;</li><li>➤ Agree the next steps outlined in the conclusion to the report.</li></ul>
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<b>Context</b>	At the July meeting of the Audit and Governance committee, members requested senior management attendance at the next meeting of the Committee (January 2021) to provide an update on the actions taken in relation to the recommendations regarding assurance statements from schools.
<b>Key Risks</b>	Failure to provide regular assurances present a risk to the effective governance and the achievement of adequate control and oversight.