

Audit, Standards and Risk Committee

Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Final Annual Governance Statement

Is the paper exempt from the press and public? No

Reason why exempt: Not applicable

Purpose of this report: Governance

Is this a Key Decision? No

Has it been included on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions? Not a Key Decision

Portfolio: N/A

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Lead Chief Executive: N/A

Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Executive Summary

This report presents the final draft of the Annual Governance Statement.

What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

Good governance enables the MCA to pursue its ambitions and objectives in the most effective and efficient way, bringing about better outcomes for residents and businesses in South Yorkshire.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the final version of the Annual Governance Statement and Governance Improvement Plan, amended in line with the recommendations of the Committee in March 24, and approved by the MCA Board on 4th June 2024.

Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

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04 June 2024

1. Background

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Authority to review its systems of governance and internal control at least once each year, and to publish an Annual Governance Statement with its Statement of Accounts. The outputs from the Annual Governance Review process undertaken in quarter four have assisted in the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix A) which has been prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/SOLACE 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework 2016'.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 A draft Annual Governance Statement and Governance Improvement Plan were considered by the Audit, Standards and Risk Committee on 20th March.
- 2.2 The MCA Board considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement and Governance Improvement Plan as recommended by the Audit, Standards and Risk Committee, at their meeting 4th June.
- 2.3 Since the MCA approval there have been no material issues that have required the AGS to be amended.

3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

- 3.1 **Option 1**
N/A.

- 3.2 **Option 1 Risks and Mitigations**
N/A.

4. Consultation on Proposal

- 4.1 N/A.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The Annual Governance statement has been published with the draft accounts and will be included in the Authority's final Statement of Accounts when published (date to be determined by emerging legislation).

6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications associated with this report.

7. Legal Implications and Advice

7.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires Combined Authorities to prepare an Annual Governance Statement in order to report publicly on the extent to which they comply with their own code of governance.

8. Human Resources Implications and Advice

8.1 There are no HR implications associated with this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

9.1 There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this report.

10. Climate Change Implications and Advice

10.1 There are no climate change implications associated with this report.

11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

11.1 There are no information and communication technology implications associated with this report.

12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

12.1 There are no communications or marketing implications associated with this report, however, Annual Governance statement has been published with the draft accounts and will be included in the Authority's final Statement of Accounts when published (date to be determined by emerging legislation).

List of Appendices Included:

A. Annual Governance Statement including Governance Improvement Plan

Background Papers:

None.