



Report To:	Audit & Governance Committee
Date:	7 th July 2025
Subject:	Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2024/25
Purpose:	To seek approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
Key Decision:	No
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Anne Dorrian, Leader of the Council
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Ward(s) Affected:	All
Exempt Report:	No

Summary

The Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 is required to be approved by the Committee prior to the Statement of Accounts, as per the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee reviews and approves the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25.

Reasons for Recommendations

To meet corporate governance best practice and statutory requirements.

Other Options Considered

None – There is a requirement for the Committee to review and approve an Annual Governance Statement for 24/25.

1. Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

- 1.1 Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the Authority to prepare and approve an Annual Governance Statement in advance of the Statement of Accounts being approved.
- 1.2 The Committee is requested to review and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 at Appendix 1. The document explains the purpose of the governance framework, sets out its key elements, details the review of its effectiveness and highlights any significant governance issues. In undertaking this governance review the Council has evaluated itself against the key principles identified in the CIPFA / SOLACE *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework*

2. Conclusion

- 2.1. The Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 is being presented to the Committee for review and approval.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

No implications specific to this report.

Corporate Priorities

The AGS sits under the priority of 'Efficiency and Effectiveness'.

Staffing

No implications specific to this report.

Workforce Capacity Implications

No implications specific to this report.

Constitutional and Legal Implications

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the Accounts and Audit (Amendments) Regulation 2024 define these arrangements.

Data Protection

No implications specific to this report.

Financial

No implications specific to this report.

Risk Management

The Council's risk management arrangements are reflected in the AGS.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

Consultation with SLT.

Reputation

No implications specific to this report.

Contracts

No implications specific to this report.

Crime and Disorder

No implications specific to this report.

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

No implications specific to this report.

Health and Wellbeing

No implications specific to this report.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

No implications specific to this report.

Acronyms

- A&G: Audit & Governance Committee
- AGS: Annual Governance Statement
- CIPFA: The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)
- SLT: Senior Leadership Team
- SOLICE: The Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers

Appendices

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report:

Appendix 1 Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

Background Papers

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

Chronological History of this Report

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

Report Approval

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