

# Cherwell District Council

## Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

24 June 2014

### Annual Governance Statement 2014-15

## Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

This report is public

### Purpose of report

To report the Annual Governance Statement. The Annual Governance Statement will be considered at the same time as the Statement of Accounts for 2014/15.

### 1.0 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Consider and endorse the Annual Governance Statement 2014-15 (Appendix 1).

### 2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Annual Governance Statement is attached at Appendix 1. It is an item for consideration and endorsement prior to formal sign off by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive.

### 3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The Annual Governance Statement is part of the CIPFA/SOLACE governance framework. It is a wide ranging document that is governance focussed and must be considered and "owned" corporately. It is separate from the Statement of Accounts but is considered alongside them.
- 3.2 The document describes our governance arrangements and assesses how closely we align with good practice. ***In overall terms this is a positive statement for the financial year 2013-14 with no significant governance issues to report.*** This document relies on several assurance mechanisms including the internal audit annual review, internal audit reports throughout the year, the work of the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee, the overall scrutiny process and external audit.

## 4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 To consider and endorse the Annual Governance Statement

## 5.0 Consultation

5.1 None

## 6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 None

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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### Legal Implications

7.2. There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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### Risk Implications

7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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## 8.0 Document Information

Annex No	Title
Appendix 1	Annual Governance Statement 2014/15
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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