



Report to Audit Committee

Meeting Date – 17 September 2024
Key Decision – No
Public/Private – Public

Portfolio – Governance & Thriving Communities
Directorate – Resources
Lead Officer – Clare Liddle – Chief Legal Officer

Annual Governance Statement Allerdale Borough Council 2022-23

Summary

To ask the Committee to approve the draft 2022/23 Annual Governance statement for Allerdale Borough Council.

Recommendations:

Members are requested to:

- (i) approve the final 2022/23 annual governance statement for Allerdale Borough Council

Tracking

Executive:	
Scrutiny:	
Council:	

1. Background

- 1.1. Allerdale Borough Council ceased to exist on 31st March and its duties taken on by Cumberland Council, therefore the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement (AGS) are to be approved by Cumberland Council.

2. Proposals

- 2.1. The final Audit Committee for Allerdale Borough Council (20th March 2023) received a draft version of the Annual Governance Statement.
- 2.2. Cumberland Council's Audit Committee also received the draft statement on 20th June 2023, alongside the final Head of Internal Audit Opinion for Allerdale Borough Council (2022/23).
- 2.3. The statement, which was prepared in line with the CIPFA/SOLACE framework and Allerdale Council's own Code of Corporate Governance is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.4. There have been no events that required any significant changes to the content of the statement and amendments to the original draft are cosmetic.
- 2.5. The statement has been approved by the Chief Executive and Leader of Cumberland Council.
- 2.6. The final version of the annual governance statement will be included in the 2022/23 final accounts for Allerdale Borough Council.

3. Alternative options considered

- 3.1. None

4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 4.1. The Committee has been asked to approve the 2022/23 annual governance statement for Allerdale Borough Council.

Implications:

Contribution to the Cumberland Plan Priorities - The annual governance statement provides assurances over the framework in place for the City Council.

Relevant Risks – Stated in the report

Consultation / Engagement –

Legal – None

Finance – None

Information Governance – None

Impact Assessments –

Have you screened the decision for impacts using the Impact Assessment?

If you have not screened the decision using the Impact Assessment, please explain your reason

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Appendices attached to report:

Appendix 1 (AGS – Allerdale 2022/23)

Background papers:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: