

To: Audit & Governance Committee

Date: 29 June 2015

Report of: Head of Law and Governance

Title of Report: 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To present the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement for approval

Policy Framework: None

Recommendation(s): That the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement be approved

Introduction

1. The Authority is required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 to review, annually, its internal controls environment and produce an Annual Governance Statement ("the Statement"). The Committee is required to consider and, if satisfied, approve the Statement. The Statement forms part of the Council's statement of accounts and is attached to the report as an Appendix.

Recommendation

2. That the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement be approved.

Financial implications

3. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Legal implications

4. The Annual Governance Statement explains how Oxford City Council meets the requirements of regulation 4(3) of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 in relation to the publication of a statement on internal control.

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Background papers: Assurance Checklists for each Service.