



Audit Committee	Wednesday, 23 September 2020	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Annual Governance Statement (2019/20)**

Report Author(s): **Stephen Hinds (Deputy Chief Executive)**

Purpose of Report:	To seek approval of the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20.
Report Summary:	In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Annual Governance Statement is now being presented to this Committee for their consideration and approval prior to publication.
Recommendation(s):	That the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020 be approved.
Senior Leadership, Head of Service, Manager, Officer and Other Contact(s):	Stephen Hinds (Deputy Chief Executive) (0116) 257 2681 stephen.hinds@oadby-wigston.gov.uk
Corporate Objectives:	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
Vision and Values:	Not applicable.
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Reputation Damage (CR4) Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 • Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework

Appendices:	1. Annual Governance Statement (2019/20)
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1. Information

- 1.1 The Council's duty in respect of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) is to undertake an annual review of its governance arrangements, which includes the effectiveness of its system of internal control. This has been done and the statement, signed by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, is included in a separate section within the statement of accounts.
- 1.2 The auditors have reviewed the statement and confirmed that it complies with the guidance, *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework*, issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE).
- 1.3 It should be noted that in the production of this statement, the Internal Auditor has input and both Internal and External Audit has expressed their satisfaction of the statement.