

## **Addendum: Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 - Update**

### **1 Background**

- 1.1. The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) reports the governance framework in place at the Council for the year ended 31 March 2021.
- 1.2. There is a requirement to update the AGS up to the date of approval of the Statement of Accounts. The information in this addendum reflects the changes in the Council's governance arrangements.

### **2 Changes in the Governance Framework**

#### Covid 10 Governance Arrangements

- 2.1. The Covid 19 pandemic meant that the Council made significant changes to governance arrangements upon activating its Emergency Plan. As a result, emergency Covid 19 decisions were made in accordance with the Emergency Plan and therefore, in line with the Council's Constitution, normal reporting and decision-making rules changed and did not apply.
- 2.2. The Council adopted its Emergency Plan on 18 March 2020 and the plan was deactivated on 2 August 2021, after which, the Council reverted to its usual governance arrangements.

#### The Executive Structure

- 2.3. Following the local elections in May 2022, the Council's Executive Structure changed. There continue to be ten members of Cabinet including the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Eight other Cabinet Members have the following portfolios:

- Cabinet Member – Children, Young People and Families
- Cabinet Member – Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Cabinet Member – Environment
- Cabinet Member – Finance and Resources
- Cabinet Member – Health and Social Care
- Cabinet Member – Housing and Homelessness
- Cabinet Member – Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities
- Cabinet Member – Transportation

## Management Structure

- 2.4. The Council now operates through seven Directorates, Adult Social Care, Children and Families, City Housing, City Operations, Council Management, Place, Prosperity and Sustainability and Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships. The current management structure is as per the diagram below:

