



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

6 JULY 2016

Report by: GwE Managing Director

Subject: Annual Governance Statement for the Joint Committee

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Accounts and Audit (Wales) 2014 Regulations sets fixed requirements on public bodies that operate partnership management arrangements through formal joint committees.

2.2 Section 5 requires the Joint Committee to review and approve annually a statement of internal control. To comply with this requirement the Annual Governance Statement has been prepared. The document has been produced to offer a framework to the Joint Committee's operation.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Joint Committee is asked to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Equalities Impact

5.1 There are no new equalities implications arising from this report.

6.0 Personnel Implications

6.1 There are no new personnel implications arising from this report.

7.0 Appendices

7.1 Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

I will provide any observations on propriety in the Joint Committee.

Statutory Finance Officer:

The review of the service by Estyn and the Wales Audit Office has assisted GwE to review the effectiveness of its governance arrangements, and a commitment has been made to respond to these reports. I am satisfied that this statement is a fair reflection of the governance arrangements of GwE for the year 2015/16.