

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

29 June 2010

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

STRATEGIC AIM:	To be a well managed organisation
----------------	-----------------------------------

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report meets a statutory requirement for the Council to approve an Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in its published Statement of Accounts for 2009/10.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Annual Governance Statement at Appendix A be recommended for inclusion in the 2009/10 Statement of Accounts.

3 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

- 3.1 When publishing its annual accounts, the Council is required to consider and approve an Annual Governance Statement. The statement (at Appendix A) sets out the Council's responsibilities, the purpose of the governance framework, the governance environment, its effectiveness and any significant areas of weakness identified with proposed actions to address these.
- 3.2 The governance framework is designed to facilitate the achievement of the Council's policies, aims and objectives, identifying and managing any risk to a reasonable level. The governance framework is embedded within the Constitution and the systems, policies, procedures and operations in place.
- 3.3 The review of the effectiveness of the governance environment is informed by a number of methods including internal and external audit, Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny Panels, and by service managers who provide an assurance statement for their areas of responsibility.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	The Annual Governance Statement is produced within the statutory timetable for publication of the Statement of Accounts
Viability	Low	There are no implications arising from this report
Finance	Low	There are no financial implications arising from this report
Profile	Low	The Annual Governance Statement attracts little public interest
Equality and Diversity	Low	There are no specific equality and diversity issues arising from this report

Background Papers
Assurance Statements

Report Author
Mike Baish

Tel No: (01572) 722577
e-mail: enquiries@rutland.gov.uk

A Large Print or Braille Version of this Report is available upon request – Contact 01572 722577.