

Assurance Statements

SUMMARY

The attached Assurance Statements from the Authority's Chief Officers and Senior Managers form part of the overall governance framework and support the approval of the annual Statement of Accounts.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee is asked to:-

- 1) Note the Assurance Statements in Appendix 1

1. Introduction

Assurance statements are a self-assessment tool for senior managers to annually review and demonstrate ownership for the quality of governance arrangements around service areas for which they are responsible.

They form an integral part of the Authority's Code of Corporate Governance to support the Board's approval of the Annual Governance Statement contained in the Annual Statement of Accounts.

2. Assurance Statements

The two Senior Managers responsible for financial management and operations have produced self-assessment statements for their area of activities. These have been subject to peer review and subsequently reported to and considered by Chief Officers.

An overarching Chief Officers Statement affirms the Senior Managers' assessments and highlights any key actions needed to improve the overall control environment. These are included in operational action plans and are listed below:

- Develop contract monitoring and control processes in relation to the PPP contract

3. Financial Implications – Provides assurance about the financial position and performance reported in the Statement of Accounts.

4. Legal Implications – External audit of financial statements is a legal requirement.

5. Impact on Joint Waste Management Strategy – Policy 7: The West London Waste Authority and constituent Boroughs will seek to provide waste management services that offer good value, that provide customer satisfaction and that meet and exceed legislative requirements

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