

Subject: Annual Governance Statement 2015-16

Report to: GLA Oversight Committee

**Report of: Head of Paid Service and
Executive Director of Resources**

Date: 20 July 2016

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 Each year the GLA's Annual Governance Statement is presented in draft to the Assembly for Members' views. The current draft of the 2015-16 Statement is appended to this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee comments on the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2015-16.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Annual Governance Statement is provided in draft to the Authority's external auditors by the end of June each year. At about the same time, the Assembly's Audit Panel and GLA Oversight Committee are consulted on the Statement. The Mayor and the Head of Paid Service sign off the final version by the end of September.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The issues arising are highlighted in the appended Statement. The Statement attempts to provide a balanced view of the Authority's governance arrangements, incorporating assessments and feedback received from its internal auditors and from the Assembly. The content of the Statement is ultimately a matter for the Mayor, acting on the professional advice of suitably qualified officers.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific legal issues directly arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Financial issues are integral to the Statement, particularly those relating to the development of robust financial systems and of sound financial management practices.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Draft GLA Annual Governance Statement 2015-16

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
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List of Background Papers: None

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