

# Subject: Annual Governance Statement 2012-13

**Report to: GLA Oversight Committee**

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

**Date: 18 July 2013**

**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 Committee for Members' views. The current draft of 2012-13 Statement is appended to this report.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee comments on the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2012 - 13.**

## 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. The Assembly's Audit Panel and GLA Oversight Committee are then consulted on the Statement's comments before it is finalised. The Mayor and Head of Paid Service sign off the final version in 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 legal issues directly arising from this report.

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial issues directly arising from this report.

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**List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix – Draft GLA Annual Governance Statement 2012-13

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None
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