

**EASTSUFFOLK**  
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**Concluding Annual Governance Statement Letter 2018/19**

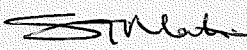



The Annual Governance Statement is a key document which helps provide assurance to Members and all stakeholders as to how the governance of the Council is conducted and how effective it has been for the year. It also identifies major issues of concern raised by the Corporate Management Team and Head of Internal Audit, together with emerging issues upon which the Council will need to focus over the coming year.

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 it is a requirement that all councils produce an Annual Governance Statement before 31st July of each year, in line with the conclusion of the audit of the Statement of Accounts.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) and Waveney District Council (WDC) became East Suffolk Council. The creation of East Suffolk Council was regulated by the Boundary Changes Regulations. In order to comply with these regulations Annual Governance Statements were prepared providing assurance for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, and approved by the predecessor Councils' Audit & Governance Committees on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (SCDC) and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (WDC).

In order to continue to comply with the Boundary Changes Regulations East Suffolk Council is required to report any material inaccuracy or omission from the approved AGS which had been identified during the period 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, or of any matter relevant to internal control arising on or after the reorganisation date. The Section 151 Officer will report these to the Members of East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk external audit.

Assurance has been received from the Head of Internal Audit, the Section 151 Officer and from each Head of Service that there is no movement on the wording and assurance levels as stated within the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Post	Signature	Date
Head of Internal Audit		31.05.19
Chief Finance Officer & S151 Officer		17/6/19
Stephen Baker Chief Executive		05.06.19.
Cllr Steve Gallant Leader of the Council		13.06.19.