9. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Standards Officer presenting a copy of the annual governance statement for consideration and approval.

Committee was asked to :-

- To consider the draft annual governance statement in the appendix and its conclusion that the Board and the West Lothian community can be assured that the Board's corporate governance standards have been substantially met in 2020/21;
- 2. To approve the draft annual governance statement in the appendix on behalf of the Board:
- 3. To note that the statement will form part of the Board's unaudited accounts to be considered by the Board and submitted to the external auditors before the end of June 2021; and
- 4. To authorise the Standards Officer to make any minor changes to the statement deemed reasonable.

Decision

- 1. To approve the terms of the report; and
- 2. To agree that the Standards Officer update paragraph 3.5 to better reflect the current position.