

Annual Governance Statement (AGS) Update

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Executive Summary:

The Audit Committee monitors the progress of implementing the agreed actions from the AGS.

1 Purpose:

1.1 To provide an update on the AGS action plan.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the Audit Committee note progress on agreed actions and the next steps where outstanding actions will be considered within the 2015/16 AGS project.

3 Context

3.1 The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) is part of the Council's Annual Accounts. The AGS includes an action plan that is reported to the Audit Committee throughout the year. That action plan is agreed when the draft accounts are submitted to external audit in June.

4 Issues

4.1 Work has commenced to start drafting the AGS for the financial year 2015/16 including the involvement of Audit Committee members. The outstanding actions from the 2014/15 AGS action plan will form part of that review

4.2 Key Issues include:

4.2.1 3 Actions are completed (MKSP Governance, Performance Management and Budgetary / MTFP Governance).

4.2.2 The delay in the national publication of the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework has prevented the review of the MKC Code.

4.2.3 Some capacity issues have delayed / slowed progress in relation to Key Partnership Governance review and project benefit realisations.

5 Implications

5.1 Policy

None

5.2 Resources and Risk

No direct financial issues arise from this update. Risk issues are as stated in the update at Annex A.

N	Capital	N	Revenue	N	Accommodation
N	IT	N	Medium Term Plan	N	Asset Management

5.3 Carbon and Energy Management

None

5.4 Legal

None

5.5 Other Implications

None

N	Equalities/Diversity	N	Sustainability	N	Human Rights
N	E-Government	N	Stakeholders	N	Crime and Disorder

Background Papers: