

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT UPDATE

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Executive Summary

To provide an update on progress against the delivery of the 2017/18 AGS Action Plan.

1. Recommendation:

1.1 That the Committee note and comment on the report.

2. Issues:

2.1 The Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17 was presented to the Audit Committee on 26 September 2017. Based on the Council's established risk management approach, the report identified a small number of issues which were detailed in an action plan and were assessed as being significant for the purpose of the 2016/17 Statement.

2.2 It was proposed that over the coming year that steps would be taken to address the issues identified to further enhance the Council's governance arrangements.

2.3 The annexed table shows the Action plan together with any progress that may have been made since the last Audit Committee.

3. Implications**3.1 Policy**

Complies with the requirement for the Council to produce an Annual Governance Statement.

3.2 Legal

This report provides one of the sources to ensure that the Council's Annual Governance Statement continues to meet the Council's responsibilities under the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

3.3 Resources and Risk

There are no direct resource implications, although Audit's approach to following up agreed actions is constantly looking to improve its proportionality and efficiency.

3.4 Other Implications

None

Annexes: Annex AGS Action Plan 2016-17

Background Papers: None