

**Report of Head of Internal Audit,
Anti-Fraud and Assurance**

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 18TH JANUARY 2023

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT - ACTION PLAN UPDATE

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report supports the updated Annual Governance Statement Action Plan relating to the issues identified following the Annual Governance Review (AGR) for 2021/22. The Action Plan is attached as Appendix 1 to this report and was approved alongside the Annual Governance Statement by the Audit and Governance Committee and Full Council in November 2022.
- 1.2 The Action Plan captures issues identified in the 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement and includes actions carried forward from the previous year's AGS.
- 1.3 The Action Plan is in two parts:
- Part One – actions where significant governance issues have been identified where improvements are required
 - Part Two – actions where governance enhancements would improve the efficiency of systems and processes across the Council

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and progress made against each item listed in the Action Plan.**

3. Action Plan Update

- 3.1 The Action Plan is used to track the progress of the actions identified as necessary to deal with the issues raised through the AGR process.
- 3.2 The Action Plan provides details of the action required, the lead officer / action officer, anticipated timescales to deliver the actions and the latest update on progress against the actions.

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 Previous Audit and Governance Committee reports covering the Annual Governance Review process and the 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement.

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