

Report of the Head of Corporate Assurance

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 24TH JANUARY 2024

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT - ACTION PLAN UPDATE

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report supports the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan relating to the issues identified following the Annual Governance Review (AGR) for 2022/23. 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 2023.
- 1.2 The Action Plan captures issues identified in the 2022/23 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 updated position on progress against the actions.

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 Previous Audit and Governance Committee reports covering the Annual Governance Review process and the 2022/23 Annual Governance Statement.

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