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

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 2ND JUNE 2021

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To update the Audit and Governance Committee on progress with the completion of actions identified as part of the Annual Governance Review 2019/20, and to confirm that any actions which remain outstanding will be included in the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan 2020/21

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and the proposals to carry forward any outstanding actions to the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan 2020/21.

3. Background

3.1 The Annual Governance Review process for 2019/20 comprised a facilitated self-assessment with each Business Unit. The key outcomes from these assessments identified strengths, areas for enhancement and areas for improvement. These latter areas were included in a governance action plan (Appendix 1) which formed part of the Annual Governance Statement.

3.2 Progress against the action plan has been regularly considered by the Audit and Governance Committee with the last report being presented in March 2021. The majority of actions have been completed.

3.3 Outstanding actions will be included in the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 Action Plan if they haven't been subsequently completed by the time the plan is issued (Appendix 2).

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