

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016-17 ACTIONS: STATUS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	13 th NOVEMBER 2017		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR FINANCE AND COMMERCIALISATION		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
Not Applicable			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
The Council's 2016-17 Annual Governance Statement ('AGS') identified five 'significant governance issues' and detailed how these issues were to be addressed.			
In accordance with good practice it is appropriate for the Governance Committee to receive and note the current status of the 'planned actions' to address the significant governance issues that were identified.			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
The Governance Committee is asked to:			
	(i)	Note the status of planned actions to address the significant governance issues identified in the 2016-17 AGS (Appendix 1).	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	The Governance Committee has responsibility to provide independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control and reporting environment, including (but not limited to) the reliability of the financial reporting process and the annual governance statement.		
2.	As per the report to the Governance Committee on 24 th July 2017 "in previous years, and in accordance with good practice, the Governance Committee will be provided with a mid-year update report in respect of the status of the 'Planned Actions'".		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
3.	No alternative options have been considered.		

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
4.	The 2016-17 AGS was presented and approved by the Governance Committee at 24 th July 2017 meeting. The final document was then presented to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council for signing.
5.	The AGS identified five 'significant governance issues' and, for each issue, there was an agreed 'Planned Action' detailing how the issue was to be addressed together with a named 'Responsible Officer' and 'Target Date for Completion'.
6.	An 'AGS Significant Governance Issues - Action Plan' was subsequently developed and has been updated by the 'Responsible Officers' to reflect the current position in respect of the status of the agreed actions.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
7.	Any resourcing implications of completing the actions contained within the AGS action plan will need to be contained within existing budgets to avoid causing pressures to the council's position. At this stage no implications have been identified.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
8.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
9.	The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 require the council to adopt good governance arrangements in respect of the discharge of its functions. The above arrangement are intended to meeting those responsibilities.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
10.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
11.	Implementation of the agreed actions will serve to further strengthen the overall governance / control environment within the Council.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
12.	None
KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Not applicable

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 Significant Governance Issues: Status Report
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
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Privacy Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Other Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None