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## **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

To: **Governance and Audit Committee – 22 June 2016**

By: **Director of Corporate Governance**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Thanet Wide**

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**Summary:** **To provide a progress report on the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 action plan.**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 This report provides Governance and Audit Committee with an update on progress in implementing the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 action plan.

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 For the period 2014/15, the Council prepared an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which was agreed by the Governance and Audit Committee on the 24th September 2015.
- 2.2 Within the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 areas of concern identified from the numerous assessments into our governance arrangements were detailed as 'Significant Governance Issues'.
- 2.3 The council proposed to take steps to address these matters and report on the action plan to this committee on a regular basis. The action plan is attached as appendix 1 for Members' information.

#### **3.0 Options**

- 3.1 That Members note the content of annex 1, the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 action plan and identify any issues where they require more clarification.

#### **4.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **4.1 Financial and VAT**

- 4.1.1 There are no financial issues arising directly from this report.

##### **4.2 Legal**

- 4.2.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

##### **4.3 Corporate**

- 4.3.1 The Annual Governance Statement action plan is a corporate document that

addresses the areas of improvement identified as necessary through the Annual Governance Statement process.

#### **4.4 Equity and Equalities**

- 4.4.1 Consideration has been given to the public sector equality duty and the Council's commitment to equal opportunities, elimination of discrimination and the promotion of community cohesion, and it is considered that there are no equalities issues arising directly from this report.
- 4.4.2. No equalities impact assessment has been carried out as this is not considered to be appropriate or proportionate.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members note the content of annex 1 and identify any issues on which they require more clarification.

#### **6.0 Decision Making Process**

- 6.1 This is a matter for Governance and Audit Committee.

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#### **Annex List**

Annex 1	Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 action plan
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#### **Background Papers**

Title	Details of where to access copy
n/a	

#### **Corporate Consultation Undertaken**

Finance	Tim Willis, Director of Corporate Resources
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance
Communications	Hannah Thorpe, Head of Communications