

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Governance and Audit Committee – 7 December 2016

Report Author	Director of Corporate Governance
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Derek Crow-Brown Portfolio Holder (Corporate Governance)
Status	For information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	All

Executive Summary:

To provide a progress report on the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 action plan.

Recommendation(s):

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

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial issues arising directly from this report or any additional budget requirement
Legal	There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. However failure to comply with statutory timescales may have legal implications.
Corporate	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.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p>

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	X
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
Compliance with the PSED will be considered in implementing individual elements of the action plan		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	x
Supporting the Workforce	x
Promoting open communications	x

1.0 Introduction and Background

This report provides Governance and Audit Committee with an update on progress in implementing the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 action plan.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 For the period 2015/16, the Council prepared an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which was agreed by the Governance and Audit Committee on the 20th September 2016.
- 2.2 Within the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 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.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Significant Issues Action Plan 2015-16
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager (Service Support)
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance