

Meeting:	Audit & governance committee
Meeting date:	26 January 2016
Title of report:	Annual governance statement: action plan update
Report by:	Director of resources

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To note progress made in delivering the annual governance statement action plan.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the progress update at appendix 1 be noted.**

Alternative options

- 1 The progress update is for information; the committee may identify issues to be included in the future work programme.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 To enable the committee to be assured that the agreed action plan is being implemented.

Key considerations

- 3 The council has a responsibility for conducting at least annually a review of the effectiveness of the governance framework including the system of internal control.

This is reported through the annual governance statement which also provides commentary on how the council's governance framework including the system of internal control can be improved. The committee approved the statement and supporting action plan at its meeting on 23 September 2015; appendix 1 provides an update (shown as tracked changes) on progress in implementing the agreed action plan which is monitored through the corporate performance processes; it is too soon to assess whether the actions have achieved the intended outcome.

Community impact

- 4 The council has agreed a set of corporate values which includes a commitment to being open transparent and accountable; the agreed action plan seeks to deliver improvements which support achievement of this commitment.

Equality duty

- 5 The content of the report has no impact on equality and diversity.

Financial implications

- 6 This report is for information purposes; none identified.

Legal implications

- 7 This report is for information purposes; none identified.

Risk management

- 8 This report is for information purposes; none identified.

Consultees

- 9 None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – updated annual governance statement action plan.

Background papers

- None identified.