

**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGS) 2009/10
STATUS OF SIGNIFICANT GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

AGS Reference	Significant Governance Issue	Current Status/Comments
5.2	The review of the Code of Governance to be completed as soon as possible. (Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic)	The new Code of Corporate Governance forms part of the preamble to the Constitution.
5.3	The need to continue to embed Risk Management. (Deputy Chief Executive)	<p>A report will be presented to Cabinet in October 2010 advising on risk and assurance issues with recommendations for improving risk management effectiveness within the Council.</p> <p>It is also planned that Heads of Service attend Risk Management Workshops, which will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board/Cabinet Assurance framework; • Risk escalation flowchart; • PCT/Council risk procedure alignment • Risk Registers • Risk Management – way forward
5.4	Review and update the Data Quality Policy. (Deputy Chief Executive)	The Data Quality Annual report and revised policy was approved by Cabinet on 22 nd July 2010.
5.5	The formal assessment of the Councils system of internal audit.(Director of Resources)	The outcome of the review is a separate agenda item for the Audit and Governance Committee meeting of 17 th September 2010.
5.6	The Monitoring Officers Statement is completed as soon as possible. (Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic)	The Monitoring Officers Statement is a separate agenda item for the Audit and Governance Committee on 17 th September 2010.
5.7	Ensure that improvements are made to the key system given a marginal audit opinion.(Director of Resources)	Audit Services follow up action is planned, the Audit and Governance Committee will be informed of progress.
5.9	Improve Corporately in relation to the completion of the Good Environmental Management Audit Plan. (Sustainable Communities Director	A training session for new environmental auditors is being organised. The target date for completion is October 2010.