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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.	Closed
5.3	The need to continue to embed Risk Management. ( Deputy Chief Executive)	A risk awareness brochure is being developed; in addition officers are also developing a Partnership Assurance Framework. An update on the Risk Management Action Plan is a separate agenda item for the Audit and Governance Committee meeting of 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 .Training for Heads of Service has been completed.	Open
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 <sup>nd</sup> July 2010.	Closed
5.5	The formal assessment of the Councils system of internal audit.( Director of Resources)	The outcome of the review was presented to the Audit and Governance Committee meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2010.	Closed
5.6	The Monitoring Officers Statement is completed as soon as possible. (Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic)	The Monitoring Officers Statement was presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2010.	Closed
5.7	Ensure that improvements are made to the key system given a	Audit Services follow up action is in progress, the Audit	Open

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	marginal audit opinion.( Director of Resources)	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	The required training took place on 19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> October. Attendees and their managers have been told that they are expected to undertake one audit before the next ISO 14001 external audit visit on 1 <sup>st</sup> December and to make 5 days available per year for auditing on an ongoing basis.	Open