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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 management awareness brochure has been developed and is now available on the Councils Intranet. In addition Risk Leads have been appointed within Directorates to champion risk management, assist and support all staff in their risk management responsibilities. There now in place a Council Assurance Framework (CAF), this incorporates the Corporate Risk Register. An update on the Risk Management Action Plan is a separate agenda item for the Audit and Governance Committee meeting of 17 th January 2011. 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 nd July 2010.	Closed
5.5	The formal assessment of the Council's system of internal audit.(Director of Resources)	The outcome of the review was presented to the Audit and Governance	Closed

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		Committee meeting on 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 was presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 17 th September 2010.	Closed
5.7	Ensure that improvements are made to the key system given a marginal audit opinion. (Director of Resources)	Audit Services follow up field work has been completed, the Audit and Governance Committee will be informed of progress.	Open
5.8	(Completion of the Good Environmental Management Audit Plan. (Sustainable Communities Director)	The required training took place on 19 th to 21 st October. Attendees and their managers have been told that they are expected to make 5 days available per year for auditing on an ongoing basis. The ISO 14001 external audit visit on 1 st December identified that there was insufficient evidence available to demonstrate that the audit programme was on track for completion, it also commented that new auditors had been trained to rectify this over the coming months.	Open