## Annual Governance Statement (2020/21)

| Issues Identified   | Action to be taken  | By whom and progress  | When         | Status |
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| 1. External legal and financial reviews have been undertaken on 3 Rivers at the request of the Leader. A number of recommendations have come from this work regarding improving governance arrangements. These were all approved by Cabinet at their meetings of 11 June and, after consultation with Scrutiny and Audit committees, 9 July. An action plan is in place to address the recommendations. | Progress will be monitored by Cabinet and in this action plan.  | Chief Executive  The governance Action Plan for 3 Rivers Developments has been largely completed; 32 of the 33 recommendations and now that the revised shareholder agreement has been agreed, we can move to the final recommendation which is to seek external assurance that all identified actions have been completed. |              |        |
| 2. The current economic situation is likely to continue to see a reduction in the number of staff employed by the Authority. We have identified that this presents a potential risk to our ability to retain the skills and experience needed. Measures are being implemented to combat this risk.  | Skills Audit to be completed by collecting information as part of the appraisal process and utilisation of the LMS system to record qualifications and experience.  The new "Evolve" project is wrapping up these themes. | Director of Business Transformation and Corporate Affairs   | 30 June 2021 |        |

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| 3. There was some frustration   | This is being addressed as part | Director of Business Transformation  |              |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| with IT equipment and           | of the hybrid working project   | and Corporate Affairs                | 30 September |  |
| telephony, particularly at the  | going forward.                  |                                      | 2022         |  |
| start of the pandemic, which is |                                 | Temporary working arrangements       |              |  |
| not surprising considering      |                                 | will continue for the foreseeable    |              |  |
| ways of working had to          |                                 | future.                              |              |  |
| change overnight.               |                                 |                                      |              |  |
|                                 |                                 | Formal arrangements, including the   |              |  |
|                                 |                                 | necessary infrastructure changes, is |              |  |
|                                 |                                 | a priority corporate project         |              |  |
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Green is completed

Amber is in Progress

Red is not completed

White is not due for completion yet