

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
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PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTION PLAN

Cabinet Member Cllr Clive Eginton, Leader
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Reason for Report: To provide the Committee with an update on progress made against the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Committee note the progress update

Relationship to the Corporate Plan: Having good governance arrangements and an effective internal control environment is a fundamental element of being a well managed council.

Financial Implications: None arising from this report.

Legal Implications: None arising from this report.

Risk Assessment: Failure to monitor the progress against the Annual Governance Statement action plan could result in comment from the external auditors when they next review the Annual Governance Statement.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Committee with an update on the progress that has been made against the actions in the Annual Governance Statement action plan since the last Audit Committee report in January 2016.
- 1.2 The action plan is attached as Appendix A and progress updates have been noted on the document.
- 1.3 Any outstanding recommendations will be incorporated into the Annual Governance Statement for the 2015/16 financial year, which will be presented in draft to the Committee at their meeting on 28 June 2016.

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Circulation of the Report: Management Team and Cllr Clive Eginton

List of Background Papers: None