

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

Cabinet Member Cllr Clive Eginton, Leader
Responsible Officer Catherine Yandle, Internal Audit Team Leader

Reason for Report: To provide the Committee with an update on progress made against the 2015/16 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 Audit Committee approved it in July 2016.
- 1.2 The Action Plan is attached as Appendix A and progress updates have been noted on the document.
- 1.3 The 2 outstanding actions on the action plan (7 & 9), were both undertaken last year in accordance with the original deadline but have required follow-up actions before these can be signed off as fully completed. Therefore revised deadlines have been set to reflect the fact that these actions are being continued in 2017.
- 1.4 The Annual Governance Statement for the 2016/17 financial year will be presented in draft to the Audit Committee at the meeting on 30 May 2017.

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Circulation of the Report: Management Team and Cllr Clive Eginton

List of Background Papers: None