

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**30 MAY 2017**

**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 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan for 2016/17.

**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 progress against the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan could result in comment from the external auditors when they next review the Annual Governance Statement.

**Equality Impact Assessment:** No equality issues identified for this report.

**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. Only one action is incomplete but progress is being made.
- 1.3 The Annual Governance Statement for the 2016/17 financial year will be presented to the Audit Committee at the meeting on 17 July 2017 with the Statement of Accounts as required by Regulation 6(1)(a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

**Contact for more Information:** Catherine Yandle Internal Audit Team Leader ext 4975

**Circulation of the Report:** Management Team and Cllr Clive Eginton

**List of Background Papers:** None