

Regulation, Audit & Accounts Committee

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Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 – Actions Update

Report by Director of Finance, Performance and Procurement and Director of Law and Assurance

Executive Summary

This report presents an update against actions put in place to address issues raised in the Annual Governance Statement 2017-18.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note progress against actions arising from the Annual Governance Statement 2017-18.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Annual Governance Statement which, pursuant to the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, was approved by the Regulation, Audit & Accounts Committee in July 2018, raised a number of areas of focus for the Council over the forthcoming year. This report presents progress against actions in place to address issues raised.

2. Background

- 2.1 The County Council is required pursuant to the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 to produce a broad based Annual Governance Statement.
- 2.2 The Annual Governance Statement is an important and integral part of the County Council's Corporate Governance regime, providing a review of the effectiveness of the County Council's internal control systems and gives assurances about how effectively they operate.
- 2.3 The Annual Governance Statement 2017-18 highlighted a number of governance issues (Appendix A) for action over the forthcoming year.
- 2.4 The Council have been proactive in addressing the issues raised in the Annual Governance Statement 2017-18. Actions in place to address the issues highlighted and subsequent progress are detailed in the appendix.

3. Resource Implications and Value for Money

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

4. Equality Duty

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Report is not required for this decision as report dealing with internal or procedural matters only.

5. Risk Management Implications

- 5.1 There are risks associated with services not addressing key recommendations arising from the Annual Governance Statement. As key initiatives within the AGS feature of the Strategic Risk Register each are monitored and assessed through the council's risk management processes.

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Appendices

Appendix A– Status of 2017-18 Annual Governance Statement - Action Plan

Background Papers

None