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Progress made on the implementation of the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan 2018/19

Meeting: Standards and Audit Committee

Date: 5th February 2020

Cabinet portfolio: Governance

Report by: Internal Audit Consortium Manager

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1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To provide members with an update in respect of the progress made towards implementing the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 Report details

3.1 Each year the Council reviews the governance arrangements it has in place, including a review of the Code of Corporate Governance.

- 3.2 Following this review, an Annual Governance Statement for the Council is produced as required by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015.
- 3.3 Part of the review entails formulating an action plan to address any areas of concern that have been identified.
- 3.4 In April 2019 this Committee approved the Annual Governance Statement and Action Plan and agreed that progress on the action plan would be monitored by the Corporate Management Team (CMT)
- 3.5 CMT has reviewed the progress made against the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan and a summary is shown at Appendix 1. Positive progress has been made in the majority of areas and work continues to improve further.
- 3.6 The production of this report ensures that Members charged with governance are aware of the progress made in implementing the annual governance statement action plan. This therefore ensures that any outstanding internal control weaknesses are identified so that they can be acted upon in a timely manner.

4.0 **Alternative options and reasons for rejection**

- 4.1 This report is for information.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 That the report be noted.

6.0 **Reasons for recommendation**

- 6.1 To inform Members of the progress made in respect of implementing the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan so that further action can be identified if this is not satisfactory.

Decision information

Key decision number	N/A
Wards affected	All
Links to Council Plan priorities	This report links to the Council's priority to provide value for money services.

Document information

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Background documents These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
Appendices to the report	
Appendix 1	Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 Action plan- Progress at the end of December 2019.