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**To:** Audit and Governance Committee  
**Date:** 7th December 2022  
**Status:** Non-Executive Function  
**Director:** Charlotte Spendley, Director of Corporate Services

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTIONS –UPDATE ON 2022-23 ACTIONS**

**SUMMARY:** This report presents the current position on progress towards achieving the 2022-23 actions set out in the Annual Governance Statement.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The committee is asked to agree the recommendations set out below to note the position and the progress towards achieving the actions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note report AuG/22/20.
2. To note the progress towards achieving the actions in the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 1).

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Annual Governance Statement for 2021-22 was considered by the committee on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (report AUG/22/07).
- 1.2 The governance statement identified significant governance issues that were likely to arise during this year. This report sets out progress against those actions.
- 1.3 To support the progress updates set out as part of this report, there will be a separate report that has been included within this committee report pack which will cover in more detail the governance issues that have been identified during 2022. The governance issues will also be reflected in the 2022-23 Annual Governance Statement when it's drafted in the new financial year.

## **2. THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTIONS - UPDATE**

- 2.1 The Annual Governance Statement identified actions for 2022-23 (See Appendix 1) which are necessary to improve the overall effectiveness of its governance arrangements.
- 2.2 The committee will receive a final update on the progress of these actions as part of the 2022-23 Annual Governance Statement that will be brought forwards for consideration at this committee in July 2023.

## **3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 3.1 A summary of the perceived risks follows:

<b>Perceived risk</b>	<b>Seriousness</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Preventative action</b>
Actions contained within the Annual Governance Statement, are not addressed effectively	Medium	Low	Progress to be reviewed and monitored regularly by the Monitoring Officer, Policy and Improvement Officer and the Audit & Governance Committee.

## **4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

### **4.1 Legal Officer's Comments (AK)**

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

### **4.2 Finance Officer's Comments (CS)**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **4.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (GE)**

No diversities and equalities implications.

## 5. CONTACT OFFICER AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting:

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report: None

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: 2022-23 Annual Governance Statement Actions - Progress Update