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To: Audit and Governance Committee
Date: 6th December 2023
Status: Non-Executive Function
Director: Amandeep Khroud Assistant Director: Governance, Law and Democracy

SUBJECT: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTIONS – UPDATE ON 2023-24 ACTIONS

SUMMARY: This report presents the current position on progress towards achieving the 2023-24 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/23/20.
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 2022-23 was considered by the committee on 20th July 2023 (report AUG/23/07).
- 1.2 The governance statement identified significant governance issues that required action during this year. This report sets out progress against those actions.

2. THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTIONS - UPDATE

- 2.1 The Annual Governance Statement identified actions for 2023-24 (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 2023-24 Annual Governance Statement that will be brought forwards for consideration at this committee in July 2024.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 3.1 A summary of the perceived risks follows:

Perceived risk	Seriousness	Likelihood	Preventative action
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 (DL)

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: 2023-24 Annual Governance Statement Actions - Progress Update