

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018

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| Title of report | PROGRESS UPDATE IN RESPECT OF IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE 2016/17 |
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| Purpose of report | To update members in respect of improvements identified through the annual review of the Annual Governance Statement |
| Reason for Decision | To ensure members of the Committee are aware of the progress of improvements. |
| Council Priorities | Value for Money. |
| Implications: | |
| Financial/Staff | None. |
| Link to relevant CAT | None. |
| Risk Management | Not required. |
| Equalities Impact Assessment | Not required. |
| Human Rights | None identified. |
| Transformational Government | Not applicable. |
| Consultees | None |
| Background papers | None. |
| Recommendations | THAT MEMBERS NOTE AND COMMENT ON THE REPORT |

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members reviewed and approved the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) at its meeting on 27 September 2017.
- 1.2 A total of 17 improvement areas identified through this review, where it was recognised that the Council could strengthen its governance arrangements. These improvements were scored as fair, meaning that satisfactory governance exists in these areas but improvements are required to meet good governance. There were no significant issues identified for 2016/17.
- 1.3 At the September committee meeting it was also agreed that progress against improvement areas will be reported to the committee at regular intervals and the AGS of future years will report on the progress/completion of improvements areas or significant issues from the prior period. The first of these updates was presented at the last meeting on 6 December.

1.4 PROGRESS MADE IN RESPECT OF IMPROVEMENT AREAS

- 1.5 Of the 17 improvements identified, 7 are complete, 6 underway with the remaining 4 to be included within team business plans for 2018/19.
- 1.6 Full details can be found in Appendix 1.