

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>PROGRESS OF IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Tracy Bingham Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#"><u>2018/19 Annual Governance Statement</u></a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide Committee members with an update in respect of progress made against improvements identified as part of the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THAT THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NOTES AND COMMENTS ON THE REPORT</b>	

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members reviewed and approved the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) in respect of the 2018/19 year at its meeting on 24 July 2019.
- 1.2 A total of 9 improvement areas identified through this review, where it was recognised that the Council could strengthen its governance arrangements. There are five improvements carried forward from the 2017/18 AGS and a further four identified during 2018/19. 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 2018/19.
- 1.3 Committee members have agreed that progress against improvement areas will be reported 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.
- 1.4 This update is the first update members have received on 2018/19 improvements.

## 2.0 PROGRESS MADE IN RESPECT OF IMPROVEMENT AREAS 2018/19

- 2.1 Of the 9 improvements identified, 3 are complete and the remaining 6 are underway.
- 2.2 Full details can be found in Appendix A.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	Good governance underpins the council's ability to deliver against all of its priorities.
Policy Considerations:	None.
Safeguarding:	None.
Equalities/Diversity:	None.
Customer Impact:	None.
Economic and Social Impact:	None.
Environment and Climate Change:	None.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None.
Risks:	None.
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