

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY,
21 JULY 2021**



Title of Report	PROGRESS OF IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2019/20	
Presented by	Dan Bates Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer	
Background Papers	None	Public Report: Yes
Purpose of Report	To provide Committee members with an update in respect of progress made against improvements identified as part of the 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement.	
Recommendations	THAT THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NOTES AND COMMENTS ON THE REPORT	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members reviewed and approved the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) in respect of the 2019/20 year at its meeting on 22 July 2020.
- 1.2 A total of 5 improvement areas were identified through this review, where it was recognised that the Council could strengthen its governance arrangements.
- 1.3 Two of the areas for improvement were carried forward from the 2017/18 AGS review covering the approach to anti-fraud awareness and a new finance system. Significant progress has been made in respect of both these areas as set out in the appendix.
- 1.4 One area for improvement was carried forward from the 2018/19 AGS review relating to service benchmarking.
- 1.5 Two areas for improvement were identified in the 2019/20 AGS review covering service planning and the management of assets.
- 1.6 This update is the second update members have received on the progress of 2019/20 improvements, following on from the report to the January meeting of this committee.

2.0 PROGRESS MADE IN RESPECT OF IMPROVEMENT AREAS 2018/19

- 2.1 Of the 5 improvements identified, 2 are complete and the remaining 3 are underway. Further monitoring of these improvements as well as any improvements identified in the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement review will be reported to this committee every six months.
- 2.2 Full details can be found in Appendix A.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
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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