



Audit & Governance Committee
29 November 2021

Annual Governance Statement half year update

Purpose of the report:

This report provides an update on progress on the improvement areas identified in the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the committee confirm whether it is satisfied with the progress made so far.

Half year update

- 1 The 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement identified a number of governance issues which were detailed in a 2021/22 improvement plan. Updates on many different areas of governance are continuously reported to senior management and members through various groups, boards and committees. Annex A provides a summary of progress to date on the improvement plan.

Implications

- Financial**
2 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Continued improvements in governance will support the delivery of the council's objectives.
- Equalities**
3 There are no direct equalities implications of this report.
- Risk management**
4 Strong governance arrangements support the council in the effective delivery of services and achievement of objectives.

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Sources/background papers: 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement, Code of Corporate Governance, CIPFA/SOLACE framework *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government*.
