



Audit & Governance Committee  
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**Annual Governance Statement Half Year Update**

**Purpose of the report:**

This report provides an update on progress on the improvement areas identified in the 2021/22 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 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement identified a number of governance issues which were detailed in a 2022/23 improvement plan. Updates on many different areas of governance are continuously reported to senior management and Members through various groups, boards and committees. Annex 1 provides a summary of progress to date on the improvement plan.

**Implications**

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

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**Sources/background papers:** 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement, Code of Corporate Governance, CIPFA/SOLACE framework *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government*.

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