



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 2022/23 Annual Governance Statement for monitoring purposes.

Recommendations

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

Half year update

- 1 The 2022/23 Annual Governance Statement identified a number of governance issues which were detailed in a 2023/24 improvement plan. The Annual Governance Statement is attached at Annex 1 for ease of reference. Updates on many different areas of governance are continuously reported to senior management and members through various groups, boards and committees. Annex 2 provides a summary of progress to date on the key governance risks identified in the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 approved by the Committee.

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:

2022/23 Annual Governance Statement, Code of Corporate Governance, CIPFA/SOLACE framework *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government*.

Annexes:

Annex 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

Annex 2 - Annual Governance Statement - 2023/24 Action Plan
