

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE 28th JANUARY 2014

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2012/13 ACTION PLAN

JOINT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCE, AUDIT & IG & THE MONITORING OFFICER

1 SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

1.1 For the Audit Committee to note the progress on the actions contained in the 2012/13 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) action plan for implementation during 2013/14.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members of the Audit Committee note the progress made against the actions in the AGS Action Plan in Appendix A.

3 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	<i>The Governance Framework encompasses the whole Council and therefore all of the Council's priorities.</i>
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	<i>Progress on actions as at 31/12/13 from the 2012/13 AGS. Final position will be reported in the 2013/14 AGS which should be agreed by 30th June 2014.</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	<i>Good governance processes support value for money in ensuring economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the Council's decision making processes.</i>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<i>The requirement for an Annual Governance Statement is included in the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.</i>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	<i>Good governance supports the identification and management of risks and robust control arrangements.</i>
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	Yes	<i>Borough-wide impact</i>

4 INFORMATION

4.1 Under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 the Council is required to produce an Annual Governance Statement and it is best practice that the statement should include an action plan for further improvement. This report sets out the progress made to the end of December 2013 against the actions agreed in this action plan in June 2013.

5 PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Cabinet 30th May 2013; Audit Committee 25th June 2013

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Code of Corporate Governance May 2008

Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: a Framework March 2010

CIPFA/SOLACE – Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Guidance Note for English Authorities 2012 Edition and Addendum