

# TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2014/15 ACTION PLAN

JOINT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES & THE MONITORING OFFICER

## 1 SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

1.1 For the Audit Committee to note the progress on the actions contained in the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) action plan for implementation during 2015/16.

## 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

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	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	
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE</b>	<i>Progress on actions as at 30/11/15 from the 2014/15 AGS. Final position will be reported in the 2015/16 AGS which should be agreed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.</i>	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	No	<i>Good governance processes support value for money in ensuring economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the Council's decision making processes.</i>
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Yes	<i>The requirement for an Annual Governance Statement is in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (paragraphs 4(3) and 10).</i>
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Yes	<i>Good governance supports the identification and management of risks and robust control arrangements.</i>
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	Yes	<i>Borough-wide impact</i>

## 4 INFORMATION

4.1 Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 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 November 2015 against the actions agreed in this action plan in June 2015.

## 5 PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Cabinet 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015; Audit Committee 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

## 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

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (paragraphs 4(3) and 10).

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