



1 SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

1.1 For the Audit Committee to note the progress on the actions contained in the 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) action plan for implementation during 2016/17.

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 31/12/16 from the 2015/16 AGS. Final position will be reported in the 2016/17 AGS which should be agreed by 30th June 2017.</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	<i>Some of the actions detailed have been the subject of specific reports and where appropriate financial implications of any recommendations will have been made in those reports, therefore, the actions being delivered are within approved financial resources, and there are no direct financial implications from adopting the recommendations of this report.</i>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<i>The requirement for the Council to prepare and approve an Annual Governance Statement is set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 - Part 2 Internal Control , Paragraph 6.</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 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 December 2016 against the actions agreed in this action plan in June 2016.

5 PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Cabinet 16th June 2016; Audit Committee 28th June 2016

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Code of Corporate Governance June 2016
 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

Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016 Edition)
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Part 2 ,Paragraph 6).

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