



<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Audit Panel</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 21 November 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ashley Hughes – Director of Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 - Action Plan Update</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	To present the Audit Panel with an update to the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan as requested at the last meeting of the Panel on 1 August 2023, and in accordance with best practice.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That progress against the action plan at <b>Appendix 1</b> is noted.
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	Demonstrates Corporate Governance.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Demonstrates compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended).
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer &amp; Chief Finance Officer)</b>	Sound corporate governance and proper systems of internal control are essential for the long-term financial health and reputation of the Council.
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	Local authorities are required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) to prepare a governance statement in order to report publicly on the extent to which the council is complying with its own code of governance on an annual basis, including the monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the governance arrangements in the year. This report provides the half yearly report of progress against actions.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The statement provides assurance that the Council has a sound system of corporate governance in place. It is considered to be an important public expression of how the Council directs and controls its functions and relates to its community.
<b>Access to Information:</b>	Non confidential
<b>Background Information:</b>	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting contact Carol McDonnell, Head of Assurance:
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