

**REPORT TITLE: Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Corporate Governance &amp; Audit Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>8 March 2024</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b> (if applicable)	
<b>Key Decision Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>No</b> <b>No – Information report</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b> To advise the committee of progress against the Action Plans agreed re the Annual Governance statement 2022/23	
<b>Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the report be noted</li> <li>• The Committee consider if there are any areas covered in relation to which they require any further information</li> </ul>	
<b>Reasons for Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report is provided for monitoring and oversight for good governance</li> </ul>	
<b>Resource Implications:</b>	
<b>Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> &amp; name.</b>  <b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>  <b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?</b>	Rachael Spencer-Henshall 19 February 2024  Yes - Isabel Brittain  Yes – Julie Muscroft

**Electoral wards affected:** all

**Ward councillors consulted:** none

**Public or private:** public

**Has GDPR been considered?** yes

**1. Executive Summary**

The attached appendices provide monitoring information in relation to Appendix A; Progress against the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2022/23 Action Plan.

Appendix B is the AGS 22/23 (for information).

**2. Information required to take a decision**

This is contained in the Appendices.

**3. Implications for the Council**

Progress against Action Plans and in implementing recommendations is important as demonstrating a sound set of control arrangements and good governance.

**3.1 Working with People**

No directly applicable.

**3.2 Working with Partners**

No directly applicable.

**3.3 Place Based Working**

No directly applicable.

**3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality**

No directly applicable.

**3.5 Improving outcomes for children**

No directly applicable.

**3.6 Financial Implications**

**Refers in part to improving strategic and operational financial controls**

**3.7 Legal Implications**

No directly applicable.

**3.8 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)**

Implementation of recommendations should improve overall control arrangements and promote good governance.

**4. Consultation**

With senior management, who are responsible for implementation.

**5. Engagement**

Not applicable.

**6. Options**

Not applicable.

**7. Next steps and timelines**

Actions as set out in plans not yet implemented.

**8. Contact officer**

Martin Dearnley Head of Audit & Risk;  
Simon Straker Audit Manager

**9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

AGS 2022/23 attached; other actions contained within Grant Thornton reports previously presented to this Committee.

**10. Appendices**

Appendix A; Progress against the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2022/23 Action Plan

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**11. Service Director responsible**

Julie Muscroft, Director of Legal, Governance & Monitoring

Isabel Britain, Director of Finance