

25TH OCTOBER 2012

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2011/12 - UPDATE

EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of the current position regarding 'significant governance issues' raised in the authority's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2011/12 and provide an opportunity for members of the Committee to raise any issues they consider appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee reviews the attached update on the 'significant and other governance issues' from the 2011/12 Annual Governance Statement and raises any issues deemed appropriate for further consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Authority is required to produce a public Annual Governance Statement (AGS) in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 Incorporating Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2011. The AGS must be published with the Authority's annual Statement of Accounts. The AGS is a document which sets out the arrangements within the authority for ensuring there is a sound and robust governance framework and that the system is regularly reviewed, and it is expected that any instances of significant shortfalls in such governance issues are referred to within the AGS. The Accounts and Audit Regulations also require that the Statement should be considered by a Committee of the Council.

This report advises the Committee of the current position regarding the significant and other governance issues, to give the appropriate level of assurance on progress in dealing with these, and seeks the views of the Committee on any issues this may raise for further consideration in relation to the Council's control environment and governance.

Progress on the significant governance issue (IAR AGS3 1112 AC) has been made in line with due dates.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

None

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Action plan arising from the AGS 11/12 assurance process