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## Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Corporate Governance

### Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Subject: The Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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### Executive Summary

1. This report updates Members on the progress that has been made in implementing the Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan.
2. The Committee are recommended to consider the Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan and comment on any issues identified in relation to the work officers have undertaken to improve the Council's corporate governance arrangements.
3. The Committee is also asked to note the improvement activities completed so far this year, these are highlighted in grey on the Action Plan (see Appendix 1).

## **1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the progress that has been made in implementing the Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan.

## **2.0 Background Information**

2.1 The Committee approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2010 at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

2.2 The Annual Governance Statement is an audited public statement on the adequacy of the Council's governance arrangements. Section three of the Statement details the programme of improvement for significant governance issues. Based on the areas of improvement detailed in this section, and on any incomplete actions from the previous year, officers develop the 'Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan'. The Action Plan for 2010/11 is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

2.3 In addition to being received by the Committee, the Action Plan is also updated and monitored by the Corporate Governance Board on a monthly basis. This also ensures that improvements identified are completed as the year progresses.

## **3.0 Main Issues**

3.1 The Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan sets out the progress that has been made against each of the improvement activities.

3.2 The greyed out sections of the Action Plan denote that an area of improvement has been completed.

3.3 The Action Plan is completed to help provide a mechanism for keeping track on the progress in addressing shortfalls in governance arrangements.

## **4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

4.1 By making progress against the Action Plan the Council is improving its governance arrangements.

## **5.0 Legal And Resource Implications**

5.1 There are no legal or resource implications.

## **6.0 Conclusions**

6.1 The updated Action Plan shows that progress has been made against the identified improvement activities. However, work on these needs to continue so that the Council can continue to make progress in achieving good governance standards.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 The Committee are recommended to receive the Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan and consider whether any issues outlined in the plan require further detailed consideration of the Committee.

## Background Documents Used

1. Annual Governance Statement 2010.
2. Report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010
3. Corporate Governance Statement Action Plan 2010/11 (see Appendix 1).