

Division(s):

## AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 22 APRIL 2015

### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – ACTIONS

Report by the Monitoring Officer & County Solicitor

#### Introduction

1. Audit & Governance Committee agreed the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2013/14 in July 2014 (it is included in our Statement of Accounts for 2013/14). The AGS sets out details of our governance arrangements.
2. The AGS listed 6 'Actions' that were planned to improve our governance, for implementation in 2014/15. This report says whether these actions have been completed or whether more work will be needed on them in 2015/16 - in which case they will be included as actions in the next AGS.

#### Six Actions planned for 2014/15

3. Six actions were planned for 2014/15 in the AGS. They are listed in Annex 1. The left hand column of Annex 1 gives more explanation of what each action involved.
4. The right hand column of Annex 1 sets out what progress has been made towards completing the planned actions to date. In short:

Action	Outcome
1. Data transfers and security	Complete
2. Data quality	Complete
3. Commercial Services Board	Ongoing, with revised details
4. Business Continuity	Ongoing, with revised details
5. Externalisation of Human Resources & Finance Services to Hampshire	Ongoing, until July 2015
6. Partnerships review	Complete

5. Actions 1, 2 and 6 have been completed. However in the case of actions 3 and 4 it is considered that revised details of what is required are needed and these are set out in Annex 1. Action 5 continues at least until the handover to Hampshire in July 2015. So actions 3, 4 and 5 will continue to be actions in the next AGS. This Committee will consider the next AGS in July.

### **Financial and Staff Implications**

6. This report has no implications, though the individual projects will have implications which are reported separately.

### **Equalities Implications**

7. Again, none, though the individual projects will have implications.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

8. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to agree and confirm the progress made on the actions planned for 2014/15 which will be reported in the next Annual Governance Statement.**

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Background papers: Annual Governance Statement 2013/14

(published as part of the Annual Statement of Accounts 2013/2014).

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/aboutyourcouncil/accestoinformation/StatementofAccounts2013-14.pdf>

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