

	<p style="text-align: center;">Audit Committee 9 January 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Deputy Director of Finance</p>
For Action	Wards Affected: ALL
<p style="text-align: center;">Report Title: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT – PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION PLAN</p>	

Forward Plan Ref:

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out progress against the recommendations in the Annual Governance Report.

2.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider the progress report in relation to the action plan.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 At the Committee's meeting on 27 September 2012 it received the Annual Governance Report (AGR) from the Audit Commission regarding the 2011/12 accounts. The Committee also agreed the Council's action plan in response to the recommendations contained within the AGR.
- 3.2 A report on progress against each recommendation, as requested by the Committee, is set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Five of the recommendations related specifically to the Statement of Accounts. The progress in this area continues to be positive with the actions being embedded in the planning for the closure of the 2012/13 accounts.
- 3.4 The remaining points are closely related to the challenging financial climate within which the Council operates including the need to ensure adequate reserves, meet the demand for school places and deliver procurement savings.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 No specific implications.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 No specific implications.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 No specific implications

7.0 Staffing Implications

7.1 No specific implications.

8.0 Background Information

8.1 Annual Governance Report – Report to Audit Committee 27 September 2012

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