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Report to:	Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum
Date of Meeting:	8 November 2016
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Good Governance Action Plan 2016-2017: Q1 Progress Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Forum of progress made against the Good Governance Action Plan as at the end of June 2016.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the progress made to date against the Good Governance Action Plan, at Appendix 1, is noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Good Governance Action Plan highlights improvement areas which have been identified through the annual governance assessment. The Action Plan is developed in parallel with and informs the Governance Statement which is included in the Annual Accounts.

3.2. Progress against the Action Plan is reported to the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum on a regular basis as part of the formal governance assessment process. This report provides progress against actions undertaken by Resources as at Quarter 1 of the Resource Planning reporting process.

4. Good Governance Action Plan

4.1. The Action Plan is considered by the Good Governance Group using a reporting format which is linked to Resource Plans and provides a clear overview of progress being made by each Resource on specific governance actions highlighted by the Governance Statement.

4.2. Progress to date against the 2016-2017 Action plan is attached at Appendix 1. The content of this report is based on progress reported against Resource Plans at Quarter 1. The Appendix provides details of the control measures and the actions undertaken by Resources.

4.3. This report has been produced using the council's performance management reporting system IMPROVe, and uses a traffic light format with the following definitions to give a status report on each measure:

Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
To be reported later	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available

4.4. The overall summary of progress to date by Resource is as follows:

Resource	Green	Amber	Red	To be reported later	Total
Community and Enterprise	10	0	0	0	10
Education	3	0	0	3	6
Finance and Corporate	16	0	0	3	19
Housing and Technical	10	0	0	1	11
Social Work	10	0	0	0	10
Total	49	0	0	7	56

4.5. The next progress report will be presented to the Forum on 31 January 2017.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. Key officers will continue to attend the Good Governance Group and commit time to reviewing and monitoring the revised approach to governance and assurance.

5.2. Officers are assigned to lead on areas identified as improvement areas.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no other implications for risk or sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

♦ all Council Objectives and Values

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Annual Accounts – Governance Statement 2016

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