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| Report to: | Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum |
| Date of Meeting: | 23 April 2013 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) |

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| Subject: | Good Governance Action Plan 2012/2013 – Year End |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide details of the Good Governance year end Action Plan for 2012/2013.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that 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. The progress of the Action Plan is reported to the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum on a regular basis as part of the formal governance assessment.

4. Good Governance Action Plan

4.1. The year end Action Plan is attached at Appendix 1 and outlines progress to date.

4.2. During the 2011/2012 formal assessment undertaken by the Good Governance Working group, 5 actions were brought forward from the previous Action Plan and 18 new improvement actions were identified.

4.3. The Action Plan is formally monitored through the Good Governance Group.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. Officers from key disciplines will continue to attend the Good Governance Group and set aside time to review and monitor 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 apart from employee time.

7. Other Implications

7.1 There are no significant risk or sustainability implications in terms of the information contained in the 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.

8.2 There is no requirement for consultation in respect of the content of this report

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8 April 2013

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

♦ All Council Objectives and Values

List of Background Papers

Annual Accounts – Governance Statement 2012

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