

Report

Report to:	Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum
Date of Meeting:	24 January 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Good Governance Action Plan 2017-2018: Quarter 2 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 for Quarter 2, the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) that progress against the Good Governance Action Plan at Appendix 1 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Good Governance Action Plan highlights improvement areas which have been identified through the annual governance assessment. All actions are included in the Annual Governance Statement, which forms part of the Annual Accounts.

3.2. This report provides progress against actions undertaken by Resources as at Quarter 2 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 their specific governance actions.

4.2. Progress to date against the 2017-2018 Action Plan is attached at Appendix 1. Most of the measures in this report are based on progress reported against Resource Plans at Quarter 2 to Resource Committees. It should also be noted, however, that some of the commentary contained in the Appendix to this report has been expanded upon to provide additional information. The Appendix provides details of the Governance 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	Status				
	Green	Amber	Red	To be reported later	Total
Community and Enterprise	23	1	0	0	24
Education	20	0	0	1	21
Finance and Corporate	39	0	0	2	41
Housing and Technical	27	0	0	3	30
Social Work	26	0	0	0	26
Total	135	1	0	6	142

4.5. The next report to be presented to the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum will be the Quarter 4 progress report which will include the Governance Statement for 2017-2018.

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.

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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20 December 2017

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- ◆ All Council Objectives and Values

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17 and Quarter 4 – End of Year Report - 14 June 2017

Contact for Further Information

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