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| Report to: | Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum |
| Date of Meeting: | September 2011 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) |

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| Subject: | South Lanarkshire Council Good Governance Action Plan 2011/2012 |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide details of the Good Governance Action plan for 2011/2012.

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 development of the 2011/2012 Good Governance action plan is undertaken through a review of the 2010/11 Governance Statement and items identified through the Finance Advisory Network (FAN) assessment model.
- 3.2. The 2010/2011 action plan is used to inform the evidence for the Governance Statement.
- 3.3. The Good Governance Group have considered and agreed the items included within the action plan.
- 3.4. As part of the monitoring arrangements it was agreed that the action plan be submitted to the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum for review.

4. Content of Action Plan

- 4.1. There are 17 identified actions, 14 from the Governance Statement and 3 new identified areas.
- 4.2. All actions have lead officers and identified timescales for progress during 2011/2012.
- 4.3. The Good Governance Group will continue to review and monitor progress.
- 4.4. The action plan is a fluid document and governance items identified by the Good Governance Group through the year will be included and progressed.

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 The action plan is subject to the governance statement review by PWC, the Council external auditors, as part of their consideration of the Annual Report – any items highlighted by the auditors will be included in the action plan.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1 Executive Directors undertake a formal assessment of Good Governance and sign a statement reflecting the controls within their own Resource.

8.2 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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13 September 2011

Link(s) to Council Values/Improvement Themes/Objectives

All Council Objectives and Values

Previous References

RASF Meeting of 19 May 2011

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