**AUDIT COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2017**

**PART I - DELEGATED**

**6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGS) – ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

(DoF)

1. **Summary**

1.1 This report gives details of the progress resulting from the Annual Governance Statement.

2. **Details**

2.1 The 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement was published with the Statement of Accounts and contains a high level action plan to ensure continuous improvement of the system of internal control. An update of action taken is attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 There are two outstanding significant governance issues relating ICT which are to be reviewed by the internal audit service as part of future audits to ensure compliance.

3. **Options/Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 The recommendation enables the Committee to note the progress made against the action plan.

4. **Policy/Budget Implications**

4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council’s agreed policy and budgets.

5. **Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Customer Services Centre and Website Implications**

5.1 None specific.

6. **Financial Implications**

6.1There are no changes to the budget already agreed by Members as a result of this report.

7. **Risk Management Implications**

7.1 There are no risks associated with the decision members are being asked to take.

8. **Recommendation**

8.1 That the Committee notes the progress made against the action plan.

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 **Background Papers:**  Annual Statement of Accounts 2015/16

 **APPENDICES**

 Appendix 1 – Annual Governance Statement – High Level Action Plan

