

Annual Governance Statement – Consideration of Potential Governance Issues

The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) is required to include details of any significant governance issues that the Council is aware of.

The Audit committee is asked to review the information and governance reports received across the financial year to identify any issues they consider to be significant and require to be identified within the AGS.

Any issue is considered to be significant if it:

- seriously prejudiced or prevented the achievement of the Corporate Plan themes and aims;
- resulted in the need to seek additional funding or the significant diversion of resources;
- led to a material impact on the financial statements;
- attracted or have the potential to attract significant public interest or have had an impact on the reputation of the Council;
- resulted in formal action being undertaken by the Section 151 Officer or the Monitoring Officer;
- had been identified by the External Auditor or the Committee as being significant;
- had been reported by the Internal Audit Client Manager as significant in their annual internal audit opinion;
- resulted in disclosures of serious incidents relating to information governance, including data loss or confidentiality breach;
- put a major programme or project at risk.