

REPORT TO THE FINAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE		Report No. 7
Date of Meeting	19 November 2007	
Title of Report	Annual Governance Report 2006/07 – Action Plan	
Link to Corporate Priorities	All	
Public Report	Yes	

<p>Summary of Report</p> <p>To present to the Committee the Action Plan arising from the Annual Governance Report for 2006/07.</p>
<p>Officer Recommendations</p> <p>1. That the Action Plan for the Annual Governance Report for 2006/07 be noted.</p>

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	None	None

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Annual Governance Report 2006/07, presented to this Committee on 25 September 2007 contained recommendations for the Council. These recommendations have now been addressed in an action plan that is attached in Appendix 1.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 Option 1: To note the action plan set out in Appendix 1. This is the preferred option.
- 2.2 Option 2: To suggest changes to the action plan.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 The principal purposes of the Annual Governance Report are:
- To reach a mutual understanding of the scope of the audit and the respective responsibilities of the auditor and the Audit Committee (i.e. this Committee)
 - To share information to assist both the auditor and those charged with governance to fulfil their respective responsibilities; and
 - To provide the Audit Committee with recommendations for improvement arising from the audit process.
- 3.2 The Annual Governance Report reports specifically on:
- The Council's financial statements; and
 - Whether the Council has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.
- 3.3 The Annual Governance Report sets out recommendations for improvement and these recommendations are addressed in the action plan in Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Risk Analysis

- 4.1 The Audit Commission assess risk to the Council in all their work. The main risk to the Council inherent in this report is that the recommendations made are not acted upon in accordance with the action plan and, as a result, the Council is not as effective and efficient as it could be, with this being reflected in future Audit Commission reports.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1. Action Plan from Annual Governance Report 2006/07
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Annual Governance Report 2006/07	Final Accounts & Audit Committee 25/09/07	FA27